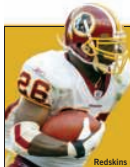


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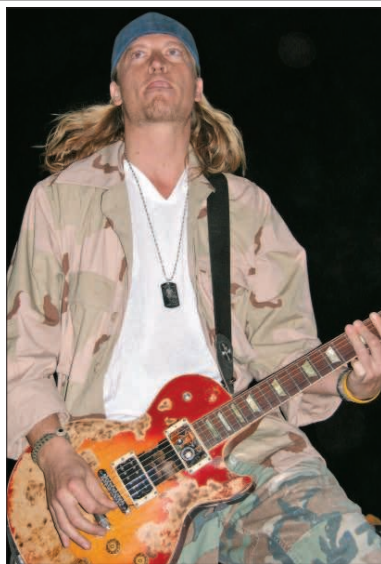
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**Puddle of Mudd covers 1st ID soldiers with music**

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Left: Wesley Scantlin, Puddle of Mudd's singer and guitarist, rocks the crowd at Camp Speicher, Iraq, on Sunday night. The band came downrange after playing at a 1st Armored Division welcome home ceremony in Baumholder, Germany, last week. Above: First Infantry Division soldiers enjoy the music concert. Before returning to the States, the band will play for soldiers in Friedburg, Germany, on Wednesday.

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**California wildfire evacuations:** As wildfires ravaged the mountains east of Los Angeles last fall, not everyone joined the tens of thousands of evacuees who fled clutching pets, photos and heirlooms. Scores of residents ignored mandatory evacuation orders so they could defend their homes, while dozens of others looted, watched the fires or just meandered around. They were more than a nuisance, according to officials in the San Bernardino Mountains. By distracting manpower from fire lines and safety patrols, they created a hazard that the local sheriff's deputies warn won't be tolerated this fire season. Deputies are advising residents that if tinder-dry hillsides again burst into flames, they'll use revised guidelines under which they could arrest evacuation laggards who are not defending their homes.

**FDA labeling of antidepressants:** U.S. government health advisers considered Monday whether strong warning labels are needed on antidepressants because they have been linked to suicidal tendencies among children who take them.

Among the witnesses was Dr. Andrew Mosholder, the Food and Drug Administration epidemiologist who last summer stumbled across the link and was prevented from testifying about it during a meeting last February. Mosholder asked for clarification from British-based GlaxoSmithKline and received data in May 2003 that suggested a link between the company's drug Paxil and increased suicidal actions among children taking the antidepressant.

Last June, the FDA issued a public warning about the drug. In July, FDA asked all antidepressant manufacturers to resubmit clinical trial data.

## World

**U.N. role against terror:** Military experts meeting at a defense trade fair Monday in Pakistan urged more international cooperation and a better role for the United Nations in tackling the threat of terrorism worldwide.

Maj. Gen. Zhu Shen Hu, a former director of the Strategic Institute at the University of Beijing, warned that terrorists were expanding their networks, making global security a more difficult task.

In an apparent poke at the United States, Zhu expressed concern that some countries might use their influence and interfere in the affairs of smaller countries under the pretext of the international war on terrorism.

**Sudan unrest:** The European Union moved closer Monday to backing a U.N. investigation into whether the atrocities in the Darfur region constitutes genocide, highlighting growing impatience with Sudan for failing to end the conflict there.

A draft statement by the 25 EU foreign ministers in Brussels, Belgium, urged human rights investigators from the United Nations to determine if genocide was taking place, an EU official said. The draft was expected to be approved later Monday.



**Hong Kong elections:** Pro-democracy candidates Margaret Ng, center, and Audrey Eu, right, congratulate each other for winning seats in Hong Kong's legislative council Monday at the election vote counting center in Hong Kong. A record 1.78 million Hong Kong voters turned out Sunday for an election that apparently sent more pro-democracy opposition politicians to the legislature, but not as many Beijing's allies had feared.

The ministers will also advocate sanctions against Sudan if it does not comply with the U.N., the official said.

**Israeli pullout from Gaza:** Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called for a national referendum on the government's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip, saying Monday a vote would help unify a bitterly divided nation.

Netanyahu's support gave sudden momentum to an idea that has been pushed in recent weeks by opponents to a withdrawal.

In the West Bank town of Jenin, an Israeli helicopter fired a missile at a car, killing a local militant leader and two other people, Palestinian security officials and witnesses said.



Netanyahu

**Kosovo peacekeeping mission:** The NATO-led peacekeeping mission in Kosovo will boost troop levels in the ethnically tense province ahead of next month's general elections, its commander said Monday.

About 2,000 troops from Germany, France and Italy temporarily will join the 18,000-strong peacekeeping force, said Lt. Gen. Yves de Kermabon, a Frenchman who assumed command of the force earlier this month.

**Gay marriage in New Zealand:** Pope John Paul II told New Zealand bishops visiting Vatican City on Monday that efforts to equate marriage between man and woman

to other forms of cohabitation violated "God's plan for humanity."

The pope did not specifically mention it, but New Zealand's parliament has been debating proposed legislation that would grant "civil union" status to couples — both same-sex and heterosexual — who live together, giving them many of the same rights as married couples.

**Thatcher investigation:** Lawyers for Sir Mark Thatcher are taking steps to prevent him from answering questions under oath about his alleged involvement in a failed coup plot in Equatorial Guinea, a senior legal representative said Monday.

The son of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was served with a subpoena last week following a request from the attorney general's office in Equatorial Guinea to question Thatcher about his alleged financing of a failed coup attempt in the oil-rich west African country.

## War on terrorism

**American jailers in Afghanistan:** An attorney for one of three Americans charged with torturing Afghans on a vigilante hunt for terrorists said Monday the men were not getting a fair trial.

Chaotic procedures and error-strewn and absent translation of court proceedings and documents were hampering a proper defense, lawyer Robert Fogelstein said.

Jonathan Idema, Edward Caraballo and Brent Bennett were arrested July 5 when Afghan forces stormed a house in Kabul, finding eight men who complained they had been tortured.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

## Correction

A story in Sunday's editions about Sept. 11 observations in Iraq included an incorrect rank for Brig. Gen. Stephen Mundt.

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# U.S. jets bomb alleged militant site in Fallujah

## At least 20 killed, including 6 in ambulance, official says

BY KIM HOUSEGO

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — U.S. warplanes pumpeled a suspected hide-out of al-Qaida-linked militants in the Sunni insurgent stronghold of Fallujah on Monday, killing at least 20 people and wounding 29, officials and witnesses said. Six of the victims died when a shell hit an ambulance, a hospital official said.

The strike came a day after a surge in violence killed 78 people and wounded about 200 across Iraq as insurgents hammered central Baghdad with intense mortar and rocket barrages and violence appeared to spiral out of control.

The U.S. military said jets carried out a precision strike on a site in Fallujah where several

members of a group led by Jordanian-born terror suspect Abu Musab al-Zarqawi were meeting.

"Intelligence sources reported the presence of several key al-Zarqawi operatives who have been responsible for numerous terrorist attacks against Iraqi civilians, Iraqi Security Forces and multinational forces," the military said in a statement.

The military said reports indicated the strikes had achieved their aim, but did not name the operatives.

In Fallujah, witnesses said the bombing targeted the city's residential al-Shurta neighborhood, damaging buildings and raising clouds of black smoke.

Dr. Ahmad Tahar of the Fallujah General Hospital said at least 20 people were killed, including



Mourners participate Monday in Sadr City, Iraq, in the funeral procession of Mohammed Faleh, who died after he was allegedly shot by U.S. troops on his way to work.

women and children, and 29 others were wounded. An ambulance rushing from the area of the blasts was hit by a shell, killing the driver and five patients inside the vehicle, said another hospital official, Hamid Salaman.

"The conditions here are miserable — an ambulance was bombed, three houses destroyed and men and women killed," the hospital's director, Rafay Hayat al-Esawi, told Al-Izza television by telephone. "The American army has no morals."

Witnesses said U.S. warplanes repeatedly swooped low over Fallujah and that artillery units deployed on the outskirts of the city also opened fire. The explosions started at sunrise and continued for several hours.

One explosion went off in a marketplace in Fallujah as the first

seller had just begun to set up their stalls, wounding several people and shattering windows, witnesses said.

U.S. forces pulled out of Fallujah in April after ending a three-week siege that left hundreds dead and a trail of devastation. The U.S. Marines have not patrolled inside Fallujah since then and Sunni insurgents have strengthened their hold on the city.

Explosions rocked central Baghdad on Monday, but the location or nature of the blasts was not immediately clear.

South of Baghdad, assaulters broke into a local police station in Latifiyah and forced the handful of officers inside to leave before blowing up the building, police said Monday. Nobody was injured in the Sunday night blast, said police Lt. Col. Sahi Abdullah.

Iraqi police have regularly been attacked by insurgents who view them as collaborators with American troops.

In a visit to the southern city of Basra, interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi vowed to pursue insurgents. "We are adamant that we are going to defeat terrorism," Allawi said. "We intend to confront them and bring them to justice."

Iraq's interim president vowed Monday that the country's leaders will ensure elections scheduled for January take place as planned, despite persistent violence.

"By God, we intend to meet this date," Ghazi al-Yawer said during a visit to Warsaw, Poland, adding that the interim government was "working around the clock" to establish the security and government control needed for elections to be held.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, 1,008 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 762 died as a result of hostile action and 246 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 65 deaths; Italy, 18; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria and Ukraine, six each; Slovakia, three; Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary

and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 870 U.S. military members have died — 653 as a result of hostile action and 217 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers. Friday. There was no update provided over the weekend.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

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## Web site reportedly shows beheading

CAIRO, Egypt — A videotape purporting to show the beheading of a Turkish truck driver kidnapped last month in Iraq surfaced Monday on the Web site of an al-Qaida-linked militant group.

On the video, the victim identifies himself as Durmus Kumdereli. Speaking in Turkish, he says he was transporting goods to an American military base in Mosul. Arabic subtitles accompanied his words.

Afterward, a black screen reading "the execution" appears, followed by warnings from masked, armed militants to foreign drivers, and grisly footage of the beheading.

The authenticity of the video, which was digitally dated Aug. 17, could not be verified. It was posted on the Web site known for carrying statements from Tawhid and Jihad, a group led by Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi that has beheaded other foreign hostages.

## Italy's foreign minister makes hostage appeal

KUWAIT CITY — Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini appealed for a "civilized dialogue" between religions as he stood inside Kuwait's Grand Mosque at the start of a Middle East visit hoped to help win the release of two Italian women kidnapped in Iraq.

The Italian government has been working feverishly to free the women, who were seized Sept. 7, weeks after an Italian freelance journalist was abducted and slain in Iraq. Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's government had been sharply criticized for not doing enough to secure the journalist's release.

In the latest kidnapping, armed militants stormed into the Baghdad office of the aid agency "Un Ponte Per..." ("A Bridge To...") and grabbed the two Italian women and two Iraqis.

In brief remarks in the Grand Mosque, the country's largest house of worship, Frattini said: "This holy place is a place to start a civilized dialogue between religions."

"I feel so much solidarity for the hostages, in heart and words, and I want to seize this opportunity to appeal to you (the people of Kuwait) to help us release all the hostages, the Italian hostages in particular."

From The Associated Press

## U.S. forces kill 22 rebels in Afghanistan

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — U.S. troops and helicopter gunships killed 22 militants, including three Arab fighters in southern Afghanistan, the military said Monday, the latest bloodshed ahead of historic Afghan elections.

Meanwhile, the United Nations withdrew dozens of staff from the western city of Herat a day after mobs ransacked its offices. The mob violence came after President Hamid Karzai fired the city's warlord governor. His replacement later ordered a 9 p.m. curfew.

The 12-hour battle in the southern province of Zabul, a hotbed of resistance to Karzai's U.S.-backed government, began late Sunday, the military said.

Spokesman Maj. Scott Nelson said some 40 militants attacked coalition soldiers on a search operation. The troops called in two Apache helicopters, which opened fire on the fighters.

"Skirmishes continued throughout the night, and the final battle damage assessment from the incident, from our soldiers on the ground, was 22," Nelson said. Among the dead were three Arabs, the spokesman said. Another Arab was among three people arrested.

No coalition forces were hurt, he said. The U.S. forces seized a global positioning system, a video camera with tapes, four grenades and two assault rifles, he said.

Nelson declined to give the Arab fighters' nationalities, or say what was on the tapes.

Guerrilla violence is surging in the run-up to Oct. 9 elections, despite the presence of 18,000 coalition forces who have been hunting for terrorist suspects since late 2001.

In another incident Sunday, Nelson said Taliban gunmen ambushed a coalition patrol near the southern city of Kandahar. American soldiers returned fire without stopping. No casualties were reported.

The Taliban have vowed to sabotage the presidential election, which Karzai is widely expected to win. Twelve elections workers are among more than 900 people killed in Afghan political violence this year. In another reminder of the country's insecurity, weekend rioting left three people dead in Herat and on Monday led international aid workers to leave the city.

The United Nations, whose offices were burned and looted in unrest after the ouster of regional strongman Ismail Khan, said it flew about 40 staff members to the capital.

The U.N. refugee agency, whose office was looted, said it suspended operations in the west, stranding more than 1,000 returning refugees on the nearby Iranian border.

Dozens of relief workers from other organizations were also evacuating. But Filippo Grandi, deputy head of the world body's Afghan mission, said the move was only temporary.



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Right: Most of the bunkers at Forward Operating Base McKenzie in Iraq are used as office space, although some house soldiers. The tank turret on top of this bunker was left by Saddam Hussein's military during the war. Left: Pfc. Kerry Collier, from Chicago, Ill., and one of the cooks for the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, scrubs a grill after Thursday's chow. While the FOB kitchen is more difficult to work in than the kitchen back in the "rear," or Germany, it is nice because "with the food precooked, all we have to do is warm it up."

# 1-4 Cav makes desert base more livable

Soldiers work in dangerous part of Iraq, but make comfortable home at FOB McKenzie

BY LISA BURGESS  
Stars and Stripes

**FORWARD OPERATING BASE MCKENZIE, Iraq** — The current home of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment is on a dust pile in the middle of a desert, not far from a town where U.S. soldiers get shot at daily.

But since the Germany-based 1-4 Cav arrived in March, it has been making the place more livable — and more secure — for itself, and some of the Iraqis living nearby.

Bunkers have been cleaned out, painted and partitioned, and air conditioning and water towers added, according to Maj. Keith Barclay, the squadron's executive officer.

Showers have been added, so that instead of one shower head for every 50 soldiers, there is now one shower for every 24 people, he said.

One of the bunkers has been transformed into a Morale, Welfare and Recreation facility, with a movie theater, performance stage, library, and Internet and phone room, among other amenities.

But much of the focus has been on improving force security, because both McKenzie and its sister forward operating base, Wilson, which is outside the town of Al Dawr, have had periods of almost nightly rocket and mortar attacks. The record was 21 rockets incoming at McKenzie in a single night in May. No one was killed.

Another problem for the 1-4 Cav troops is the town of Ad Duliyah, located directly south



The Wall of Remembrance at Forward Operating Base McKenzie commemorates the men who have died since the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment Cavalry came to the base in March.

and almost unavoidable when driving supplies into the forward operating base, said Barclay, from North Shore, N.J.

"Every day, [a U.S. soldier passing through] is shot at," Barclay said. "So getting supplies in is a very dangerous proposition."

The 1-4 Cav is responsible for an area roughly the size of the state of Delaware. It runs from Baiji, a key oil pumping facility, in the northwest, to Balad in the south. The Tigris River borders it on the east.

About two-thirds of the land is barren desert; the areas by the river are lush farmland. The squadron's headquarters is on a

ter of concrete bunkers now used as offices and, to some degree, housing, although at least two-thirds of the soldiers live in "contained housing units," or trailers, and others live in heavily sandbagged tents.

About a mile from the main encampment, there is an airfield, which is necessary because cavalry squadrons have their own air assets:

Kiowa Warriors, small, extremely agile two-seat helicopters that "really add a lot to the fight," said the squadron personnel of-

ficer, Capt. Nathan Springer of Oklahoma City.

The squadron took over the place from the 3-29th Field Artillery, part of the 3rd Battalion of the 4th Infantry Division.

The previous tenants "weren't here very long," Barclay said, "so they didn't have time to do much" in the way of making the place homelike.

The 3-29th did, however, help make the airfield habitable. Most of what Saddam's military stored here, apparently, was ammunition. The artillerymen blew up something like 60,000 rounds, Barclay said.

While improving its base, the squadron is also working on improving life for the Iraqis living nearby.

"A large part [of the squadron's] focus is on civil-military operations," according to Maj. Michael McCurry, the deputy squadron commander.

McCurry, from Mountain Home, Idaho, has a very unusual qualification. He was county commissioner for three years in Idaho before rejoining the Army after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. That means he knows more than most Army officers about how local governments run.

But, he said, that doesn't make it any easier to deal with the tangle of U.S. government, nongovernment, Iraqi government, and U.S. Army funding streams for civilian projects.

"Dispersing all these organizations out there to get the funding" for civilian works is probably his biggest challenge, McCurry said.

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**"Every day, [a U.S. soldier passing through] is shot at. So getting supplies in is a very dangerous proposition."**

**Maj. Keith Barclay**

1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment's executive officer

dusty site officially called Samarra East Airfield in Saddam Hussein's day.

The heart of the camp is a clus-





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Theresa Arnold's groom was on the other end of the line Saturday as Arnold and Marine Lt. Thomas Cogan IV wed by proxy in San Diego. With Arnold is Judge Jan Goldsmith, left, and Judge Peter Gallagher.

## Calif.'s new proxy law lets Marine in Iraq wed

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The war in Iraq keeps Theresa Arnold thousands of miles away from the man of her dreams. But that didn't stop the pair from exchanging vows in what's believed to be the first marriage-by-proxy in California.

Clutching a cellular phone, the nervous but smiling bride was married to Marine Lt. Thomas Cogan IV on Saturday at the San Diego County clerk's office. Cogan said his "I do" from the front lines of Iraq.

Marriages by proxy were illegal in California until Friday, when Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a law allowing military personnel stationed overseas in a war or conflict to marry through a legal stand-in. Texas, Montana and Colorado allow marriage-by-proxy.

Arnold, who is pregnant with a baby girl and due any day, wore a pink flowered dress and had her shoulder-length brown hair in curls. A family friend stood in for Cogan, whose parents and two sisters traveled from Philadelphia to attend.

The couple, both 23, wanted to make sure that hospital bills would be covered and that both baby and mom would receive military benefits if Cogan were killed in action.

"It is fitting that this marriage is between Tommy and Theresa, two individuals whose love transcends a war and changed the course of California history," said Superior Court Judge Jan Goldsmith, who officiated. "It's going to help plenty of people, plenty of other military families," Arnold said.



Puddle of Mudd's singer and guitarist, Wesley Scantlin, rocks the crowd at Camp Speicher.

## Puddle of Mudd wade into Iraq to entertain GIs at Camp Speicher

BY LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

CAMP SPEICHER, Iraq — Amid Iraq's scorching, dry desert, fans of rock music were knee-deep in a Puddle of Mudd on Sunday night as the alternative rock group performed for troops at Camp Speicher.

At least 1,500 troops attended the concert, according to event coordinator Sgt. 1st Class Shane Podraza, liaison officer to the mayor, as part of welcome home ceremonies for the 1st Infantry Division's own rock band.

Puddle of Mudd had played in Baumholder, Germany, on Friday as part of welcome home ceremonies for the 1st Armored Division before flying into Iraq for the Speicher concert and a meet-and-greet with Task Force Dagger soldiers Monday.

The band went to Iraq when few big-name performers dare to venture into the active combat zone.

"The soldiers here are working really hard," the band's singer and guitarist, Wesley Scantlin, said. "They are keeping our nation safe. It seemed like the least we could do was to come and play some music for them."

Douglas Ardito, the group's bass player, agreed.

"These are our buddies," he said of the soldiers who were eagerly waiting to meet him Monday. "They are from the same towns we grew up in. They take risks with their lives. I figured we could take a risk, too."

"I felt we owed them."

Besides, Scantlin added between signing autographs, "It's something that most people in their lives will never be able to do."

In addition to Scantlin and Ardito, Puddle of Mudd, which released its debut album in 2001, includes Paul Phillips on guitar and Greg Upchurch on drums.

There have been five concerts at Speicher's stadium this summer, but Puddle of Mudd, whose trip was sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation, AKA Productions, of Upland, Calif., and Armed Forces Entertainment, "is by far the largest marquee name we've had," said Podraza, 40, of Lincoln, Neb.

In fact, "it took me weeks to convince people [that such a popular band] was coming," Podraza said Sunday as he prepared for the concert. "They thought it was a hoax."

Spc. Braxton Cope, 43, of Mulberry Grove, Ill., said he could think of little else since he heard the band was coming to play.

"We've been looking forward to [the concert] ever since we heard about it two weeks ago," said Cope, assigned to the 1st ID's 454 Transport Company.

"They are so honest," Cope said, holding a poster he hoped to have autographed. "There's a lot of feeling in their music."

The group will play one more concert for soldiers, in Friedberg, Germany, on Wednesday before returning to the United States.



PHOTOS BY LISA BURGESS/Stars and Stripes

A crowd of between 1,200 and 1,500 troops turned out at Camp Speicher on Sunday night to see Puddle of Mudd perform for U.S. troops, according to event coordinator Sgt. 1st Class Shane Podraza.

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# Hunting door-to-door for Iraqi insurgents

## 1-506's Company C goes on the offensive against roadside bombers

BY SETH ROBSON  
Stars and Stripes

CAMP HABBANIYAH, Iraq — Iraqis in the Habbaniyah area can expect regular house raids from the U.S. Army until they stop helping insurgents who have set hundreds of bombs on local roads, said Col. David Clark, the commander of the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment.

Since 1-506 arrived at Camp Habbaniyah two weeks ago, soldiers have been targets of the roadside bombs several times a day, Clark said.

Locals are helping the insurgents, many of whom come from outside the district, by giving them places to hide, he said.

The 1-506's answer is to step up the pressure on insurgents by raiding their homes and the homes of their friends and families, he said. The unit is known as the Currahees, a Cherokee word meaning "stands alone."

Clark said that, on Saturday, 1-506 soldiers mounted a series of raids from Camp Habbaniyah and killed three insurgents who attacked a Humvee with a bomb, commonly referred to as an improvised explosive device.

Intelligence from the "Ice-man," an insurgent captured during raids earlier in the week, led to the discovery by 1-506's Company A of a cache of 120 mm mortar rounds at one house, while a random sweep of another area by the company uncovered hundreds more rounds, Clark said.

Meanwhile, 1-506's Company C mounted a series of raids in the small town of Abu Fleis, near Camp Habbaniyah. Those raids led to the detention of one man and the seizure of a computer and compact discs suspected of containing terrorist training videos.

In the early hours of the morning soldiers from Company C slipped through a hole in the barbed wire around the perimeter of their forward operating base and crept through the darkness toward Abu Fleis.

The soldiers' night vision goggles allowed them to keep a lookout for ambushes as they approached the town and moved along its dimly lit streets toward their objective.

When they reached the target house, an assault team went in, kicking the door open and quickly subduing four males inside.

The men were assembled on the front lawn and interrogated by Company C's commander, Capt. William Jones, who accused one of being an insurgent.



PHOTOS BY SETH ROBSON/Stars and Stripes

Capt. William Jones, Company C, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment commander, interrogates Iraqi men during house raids in Abu Fleis, Iraq, on Saturday.

"These terrorists have brought this suffering to Iraq. Don't support them," Jones told the men.

"We were looking for Ali Mohammed Sulymann and Oman Mohammed Sulymann — two brothers who have both been to jail before. They are part of a terrorist network that has been setting IEDs in Khaldiya," he said.

Through a translator, Jones made a series of threats that resulted in the Iraqi offering to lead him to where the Sulymans lived.

The man led the soldiers through a network of twisting dirt farm tracks to another house where the assault team again kicked in the door, once again assembling the males — two men and a boy — on the front lawn and taking the women to the back of the house. Jones began a second interrogation that caught one of the Iraqis in a lie. At first, the man said he did not know the Sulymans; then he admitted they were his relatives. A search of the house turned up a computer and what appeared to be a series of terrorist training videos on compact disc.

Jones detained the man and confiscated the computer and discs.

"The women said the (Sulymann) brothers were bad men," Jones said. "So did the guys at the



first house.

"That guy," he said, referring to the Iraqi apparently caught in the lie, "said they were good men. That made me suspicious. He is not from this area. He didn't have identification. He is probably one of the guys who were setting IEDs."

Company C blindfolded the prisoner and marched him back to Camp Habbaniyah for further interrogation. They raided two other houses on the way back but did not find the Sulymans, who appeared to have fled three weeks earlier.

The soldiers appeared enthusiastic about the mission, one of

their first since arriving in Iraq. Most were hyper-alert as they stalked the streets, constantly scanning for danger.

"It is good because they have their wife about them," Jones said. "They are not complacent. Complacency kills."

Staff Sgt. Bill Bechster, 25, from Fort Collins, Colo., said he was excited to be "outside the wire."

The young soldier was in the lead element during the patrol and helped clear three houses.

"Being able to go in without firing a shot was good. The squad and the platoon know each other

and we were able to go to an objective and get out of there quick," he said.

Company C returned to Abu Fleis later in the morning to pay the people at the first house for damage caused by the raid, Jones said.

"We are going to run a positive campaign (when we go back to Abu Fleis). We are going to tell them they can have jobs and prosperity if they don't support the terrorists," he said.

But he will not compensate the owners of the target houses because they are terrorists, he said.

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# Experiment brings protection to the field

## Troops in Iraq to get new weapons systems by summer

By SANDRA JONTZ  
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — A new sheriff is coming to town.

The Pentagon's Office of Force Transformation is designing a combined lethal and nonlethal weapons system to be fielded to Army and Marine Corps units in Iraq by summer, in an experiment called "Project Sheriff."

The concept is to retrofit ground vehicles already in the services' inventories with an array of new lethal and nonlethal systems, giving troops working in urban terrain more options, especially when deciding how to deal with potential noncombatants or civilians being used as shields, said program director and transformation strategist Col. Wade Hall, a 23-year veteran of the Marine Corps.

Like a sheriff, Hall says. "He's not there to cause destruction. He's there to keep the peace, but has the option to go to destruction status if he needs it," Hall said.

The Pentagon hopes to launch the system in Iraq in June or July, equipping four

to six Army and Marine Corps vehicles with a combination of off-the-shelf technology and systems being developed.

Vehicles under consideration include the Army's new Stryker armored personnel carrier or the Armored Security Vehicle, or ASV, and the Marine Corps' Light Armored Vehicle, or LAV, already proven to work well in cities, said Hall.

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A goal of the Office of Force Transformation is to cut through the years and years it used to take the department to introduce a new system, he said, while assuring that the technology employed is well-studied and the office is not sacrificing safety for the sake of speed.

Designers see the systems being used for missions such as armed reconnaissance, raids, crowd control, security patrol and vehicle checkpoints.

While no decisions have been made on which systems will be used, managers have narrowed the field to a few for consideration, Hall said.

Among them is Raytheon Company's non-lethal Active Denial System, a counter-personnel directed energy weapon that projects a speed-of-light millimeter wave of

energy that makes skin feel like it's on fire.

According to studies done by the Air Force Research Laboratory, which developed the technology in a joint effort with the Marine Corps and Raytheon, the invisible beam penetrates the skin to a depth of less than 1/64 of an inch and produces heat that within seconds becomes intolerable, said lab spokeswoman Eva Hendren.

The sensation stops when the individual moves out of the beam. The beam does not cause injury because its penetration is so shallow, Hendren said.

Vehicles also could be equipped with high-powered lights to aid in searches, and an acoustics system such as the Long Range Acoustic Device, or LRAD, a high-powered bullhorn of sorts that emits an ear-piercing noise.

Marines in Iraq already are using the LRAD system. No decision on LRAD has been made, but the office has no alternative if it is not picked, Hall said. Critics of the LRAD system have said the ear-piercing noise could cause permanent damage and deafness. He said the military still is conducting studies.

The lethal portion of the projects includes a mounted rapid-fire gun that will be able to carry a diversity of medium- and small-caliber machine guns at a high rate of fire. The system under consideration is called Gunslinger and is under development at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, Va.

An Active Protection System would place an array of sensors that could deploy decoys and detect chemical or biological



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Col. Wade Hall, program director for the Office of Force Transformation's "Project Sheriff" program, said Marines and Army soldiers in Iraq should have a new combination of lethal and nonlethal weapons systems by summer.

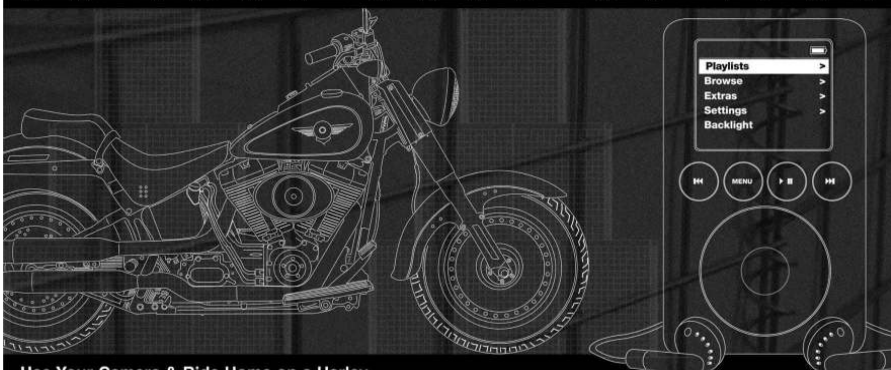
agents.

While the Pentagon is taking the lead in developing Project Sheriff, other agencies interested in the experiment's progress include the Justice, Energy, and State departments and the FBI, Hall said.

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# V Corps fills long-empty top enlisted post

BY JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany — Command Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Bush filled V Corps' long-empty top enlisted post in a small, 15-minute ceremony Monday.

Bush joins the corps shortly after returning from more than a year of combat duty in Iraq as the command sergeant major of 1st Armored Division.

Bush "epitomizes the warrior ethos," V Corps commander Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez told a gathering of mostly top brass and sergeants major in front of the corps headquarters in Heidelberg. "There is no one more experienced to meet this critical job."

Sanchez should know. The two went to war together when Sanchez was the commander of 1st AD. Sanchez pinned on a third star and took over command of the corps after the fall of Baghdad. Although the corps returned from Iraq in February, Sanchez stayed through the spring as the leader of coalition forces.

Through it all, Sanchez continued to lean on Bush as a trusted adviser, especially after V Corps Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Preston was given the nod to take over the top enlisted post for the entire Army in December.

Still, nine months later, the V Corps position had remained officially vacant. Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce Likens had been pulling double duty as both command sergeant major of the 69th Artillery Brigade and acting command sergeant major of V Corps.

Bush arrives in Heidelberg at a critical time. Most of the corps' units have either just returned from Iraq or are currently there.

"Not only are we engaged in battle, but we are also preparing for war," Sanchez said. "As far as we can see into the future, we will be engaged in that total spectrum — preparing, deploying and engaged in battle."

Meanwhile, top leaders have announced massive reductions to forces in Europe and the closure of scores of bases in the coming years. Even the corps headquarters will merge with U.S. Army Europe, currently the top Army command in Europe.

Command Sgt. Maj. Roger Blackwood, currently the top enlisted soldier for the Fort Polk, La.-based 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, will replace Bush at 1st AD, according to a 1st AD spokesman.

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**Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Bush salute Monday during a V Corps ceremony welcoming Bush as the new top enlisted soldier of the corps.**

## 'Good Morning, Vietnam' DJ keeps promise to raise awareness about MIAs

BY RON JENSEN

Stars and Stripes

RAF MILDENHALL, England — Adrian Cronauer, who was portrayed by actor Robin Williams in the movie "Good Morning, Vietnam," wants to get some things out of the way at the start. "If I did half the things he did in that movie, I'd still be in Leavenworth and not England," Cronauer said Monday morning before addressing a POW/MIA luncheon at RAF Mildenhall's Galaxy Club.

The movie, which Cronauer co-authored, was based loosely on his experience as an Armed Forces Network disc jockey for one year in Vietnam while in the Air Force. But, as he said, it is a movie and Williams' manic performance was of a decidedly nonmilitary character.

"No, I was not thrown out of Vietnam," he said. "I did not have, as far as I knew, any friends who were Viet Cong." He did leave a restaurant once shortly before a bomb exploded in it, but most of the other events in the movie are fiction.

Cronauer, 66, is now special assistant to the director of the prisoners of war missing in action office in the Pentagon. In that capacity, he travels extensively, including several trips back

to Vietnam, to raise awareness of the effort to account for America's missing.

The movie made Cronauer a celebrity. He once was asked for an autograph by singer Bette Midler.

It grew from his attempt to sell a situation comedy to Hollywood based on his time in Vietnam. The top shows in 1979 were "M\*A\*S\*H" and "WKRP in Cincinnati." Put the Korean War comedy and the show about a Midwestern radio station together, he figured, and you had his Vietnam experience.

"Nobody believed you could do a comedy about Vietnam," he said.

Williams learned of the idea and was intrigued enough to have a screenplay developed, earning an Oscar nomination for his performance.

Cronauer has used his celebrity status to promote causes in which he believes and to support Republican candidates for office. He campaigned for President Bush and was offered his current job in the Bush administration.

On Sept. 11, 2001, while the dust was settling from the terrorist attacks on the United States, Cronauer decided to accept the offer. His job description goes on for several pages.

"We read it three or four times and still don't know what it says," he said. "But at the bottom it says, 'Other duties as assigned.' So that's what I do."



RON JENSEN/Stars and Stripes

**Adrian Cronauer, portrayed by Robin Williams in the movie "Good Morning, Vietnam," now works for the prisoners of war/missing in action issue.**

He said the government makes a promise to everyone who serves in uniform that they will not be forgotten, whether they are captured or listed as missing in action. The motto of his office, he said, is "Keeping the promise."

More than 2,000 people remain missing from the war in Vietnam. His office, which is part of the Department of Defense, also ensures that the military has the equipment to help rescue downed pilots and others, preventing them from becoming another statistic.

"We want people who might be going into danger's way to know that they won't be abandoned or forgotten, that we care about their welfare," he said.

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## Delay sought in GI's hearing on Iraq death

Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN, Germany — The hearing for a 1st Armored Division captain accused of killing an Iraqi man is on hold while the Army considers a defense request for a 30-day delay.

Defense attorneys sought the delay in the hearing being held in Hanau to give their medical experts time to review evidence in the case, in particular, a roughly 10-minute video of the alleged shooting by Capt. Rogelio M. Maymulet. An unmanned aerial vehicle took the video of the May 21 incident near the Iraqi cities of Kufa and Najaf.

Maj. Michael J. Fadden, the Article 32 hearing officer, said Friday that a decision regarding the delay could come as early as Thursday, according to Maj. Michael Indovina, a division spokesman. The decision rests with the convening authority in the case, Col. Peter R. Mansoor, commander of the 1st Brigade, 1st AD.

Capt. Will Helixon, Maymulet's lead defense attorney, said Monday that the delay would give two neurosurgeons — one a military doctor, the other in civilian practice — time to view the tape.

The video, which was not played in open court because it is considered a classified document, apparently shows the alleged shooting. The encounter between Maymulet and the Iraqi man came at the end of a vehicle chase between U.S. soldiers and a car believed to contain militia forces.

In a U.S. Central Command news release following the incident, the Army stated "the driver and a passenger were wounded" when U.S. forces shot at their vehicle. "Shortly thereafter, the wounded driver was shot and killed at close range."

Helixon maintains there's more to the story than that, but would not elaborate.

## Stripes reporter Sanderson honored for series on Navy Chaplain Corps

Stars and Stripes

A Stars and Stripes reporter has been honored for a series of articles he wrote that highlighted problems in the Navy Chaplain Corps.

Ward Sanderson, a reporter

working out of the paper's Griesheim, Germany, office, was presented a plaque for third place in the John M. Templeton Religion Story of the Year category by the Religion Newswriters Association,

according to a news release from the organization. This is the first year the award was presented, the release said.

His articles, under the title "The Cross and the Anchor: War in the

Chaplain Corps," ran in the newspaper's Sunday magazine late last year and earlier this year. The articles highlighted complaints voiced by many evangelicals within the chaplain corps.

The series sparked numerous letters to the editor and initiated several meetings between members of the House Armed Services Committee and admirals.

The awards were presented Saturday in Washington, D.C.



## IN THE WORLD

# Putin bolsters grip on Russian security

BY VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV  
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Responding to a spate of deadly terror attacks, President Vladimir Putin on Monday moved to significantly strengthen the Kremlin's grip on power, with new measures that include the naming of regional governors and an overhaul of the electoral system.

Putin told Cabinet members and security officials convened in special session that the future of Russia was at stake, and called for the creation of a central, powerful anti-terror agency.

"The organizers and perpetrators of the terror attack are aiming at the disintegration of the state, the breakup of Russia," he said. "We need a single organization capable of not only dealing with terror attacks but also working to avert them, destroy criminals in their hide-outs and, if necessary, abroad."

Putin's declaration followed a series of stunning terror attacks blamed on Chechen rebels, culminating in the three-day school seizure in southern Russia in which more than 330 people were killed.

He said he would propose legislation abolishing the election of local governors by popular vote. Instead they would be nominated by the president and confirmed by local legislatures — removing the last vestiges of local autonomy already eroded during Putin's first term in office.

Putin explained his actions as necessary to streamline and strengthen the executive branch to make it more capable of combating terror.

But Putin's critics immediately assailed the proposal as a self-destructive effort that could fuel dis-

sent in the provinces. "The abolition of elections in the Russian regions deals a blow to the foundations of Russian federalism and means the return to the extremely inefficient system of government," Sergei Mitrokhin, a leading member of the liberal Yabloko party, said in a statement.

Sergei Markov, a political analyst with close ties to the Kremlin, said the president's move against the governors could help curb corruption that has flourished in some regions.

"At the same time, it means a lowering of (their) general political authority and a serious lower-

ing of political pluralism," Markov told Ekho Moskvy radio.

In another move aimed to strengthen the federal authorities, Putin recommended eliminating the individual races that currently fill half of the seats in the national parliament and have the entire lower house filled by parties on a proportional basis.

Putin said that the move would help foster dialogue by expanding the clout of political parties, but his opponents warned that it would further increase the clout of the Kremlin-controlled parliament factions that already enjoy an overwhelming majority in the lower house, the State Duma.

## Europe shows greater resolve on Iran nukes

BY GEORGE JAHN  
The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — The United States lobbied its allies Monday to have Iran hauled before the U.N. Security Council over its nuclear program as the world body's atomic watchdog agency considered how tough a line to take in pressuring Tehran to meet its demands.

Meanwhile, U.S. ally South Korea also came under criticism, with the agency's chief expressing "serious concern" over Seoul's failure to report nuclear activities that it was revealed date back to the 1980s.

The South Korean issue complicates U.S. efforts to rein in North Korea's nuclear program, the world's most worrisome. Pyongyang already used Seoul's admissions of some nuclear experiments to justify its weapons program.

On the issue of Iran's nuclear program, European powers have come closer to the U.S. position, proposing in a draft resolution that the International Atomic En-



From left, Zamani Nia, head of the Iranian delegation; Seyyed Hossein Mousavian, senior official of Iran's Supreme National Security Council; and Pirooz Hosseini, Iran's ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency, gather at Vienna's International Center on Monday. Iran's refusal to fully give up uranium enrichment to banish suspicions it is interested in nuclear arms set the stage for a confrontation, with the United States lobbying its allies to have Tehran hauled before the Security Council.

ergy Agency set a November deadline for Tehran to meet its demands aimed at clearing up fears it is developing weapons. It warns that failure to do so could "probably" lead to further steps — a reference to sending the issue to the Security Council, which could im-

pose sanctions on Iran.

Washington wants that "trigger mechanism" in the resolution to be stronger, in part by removing the word "probably."

The United States appeared to soften its rhetoric on Iran before Monday's meeting of the IAEA's

board of directors in apparent recognition that it might not get its way and have Iran referred to the council immediately.

But its case has been bolstered over the longer term, with European leaders voicing increasing worry over Tehran.

## Terror suspect: Turkey a target if it doesn't cut ties with U.S.

BY JAMES C. HELICKE  
The Associated Press

ISTANBUL, Turkey — A suspected leader of a Turkish al-Qaida cell told a court Monday that last year's suicide bombings in Istanbul were part of al-Qaida's global campaign and warned of more attacks if Turkey continues to support U.S. policies or maintains close ties with Israel.

Defendant Harun Ilhan told the court that he and two other suspected ringleaders who remain at large — Habib Akdas and Gurcan Bac — were behind the November truck bombings that left 61 people dead.

"I accept that I am an al-Qaida warrior," said Ilhan, who opened his testimony with a brief prayer and at times refused to stand during the trial.

Ilhan, a bearded man who wore blue jeans and sports shoes to the hearing, also praised the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and warned that while Osama bin Laden is mortal "jihad (holy war) is eternal."

"Even if Osama dies, our jihad will continue," he told the court. He also warned Turkey that if it supported the U.S. occupation of Afghanistan and Iraq and continued with friendly ties with Israel, "we will never leave the Republic of Turkey, the price will be paid."

"The war is not over and it will continue until imperialist forces withdraw," from Muslim countries, he said.

Nine suspects, out of a total of 69 on trial for the suicide truck bombings, appeared in court Monday to testify for the first time.

Prosecutors are demanding life sentences for five suspects who they say played direct roles in the bombings. The other 64 could face prison sentences ranging from 4 1/2 to 22 1/2 years.

Another defendant, Adnan Ersöz, acknowledged in his testimony that he helped arranged a 2001 meeting between Abu Hafs al-Masri, a former top lieutenant of bin Laden, and Akdas.

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# Ivan forces islanders to flee to rooftops

The Associated Press

GEORGE TOWN, Cayman Islands — People stood on rooftops of flooded homes Monday in the Cayman Islands, pummeled by Hurricane Ivan before the massive storm strengthened to an extremely dangerous Category 5 storm and headed for Cuba.

The slow-moving hurricane, one of the strongest ever to hit the region, killed at least 68 people across the Caribbean before reaching the Caymans, where there were unconfirmed reports that its ferocious winds and waves caused at least two deaths.

Ivan's winds intensified to near 160 mph as it headed for western Cuba, threatening floods in the western Pinar del Rio province that is the biggest source of tobacco for the country's famed cigar industry. About 1.3 million of Cuba's 11.2 million people were evacuated from their homes, most taking refuge with friends and relatives.

Ivan was projected to pass near or over Cuba's western end by Monday evening.

President Fidel Castro toured western Cuba on Monday morning, stopping to discuss preparations with defense officials in the provincial capital of Pinar del Rio, where residents shouted "Fidel! Fidel!"

"We are so happy to have him close to us," said 78-year-old Elsa Ramos, when Castro visited the tobacco-growing town of San Juan y Martinez. "Fidel protects us from all bad things."



Volunteers begin unpacking Meals, Ready to Eat for migrant workers who lined up for hurricane relief Sunday in Lake Worth, Fla. The Lake Worth area suffered severe damage from Hurricane Frances.

Ivan was expected to move into the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday, threatening to make landfall in the Florida panhandle, Mississippi or Louisiana.

Ivan has killed at least 15 people in Jamaica, one in Tobago, one in Barbados and four in the Dominican Republic and three in Haiti.

In Jamaica, stores and shelters filled with more than 15,000 people

were running short of food, according to Nadene Newsome of Jamaica's emergency relief agency.

About 98 percent of the island was still without power, 40 roads were still blocked by debris and more than 700 people evacuated from the island's southern parishes where floodwaters reached as high as 15 feet.

The U.S. government has given \$50,000 in emergency relief to Ja-

maica, said Jose Fuentes of USAID.

Though it didn't directly hit the Caymans' three-island chain, the storm lashed the British territory Sunday with 150-mph winds.

One quarter to one half of the 15,000 homes on the island suffered some damage said Donnie Ebanks, deputy chairman of the National Hurricane Committee. The Cayman Islands is a popular scuba diving destination and offshore banking center.

## Panhandle prepares

ST. MARKS, Fla. — Residents of the Florida Panhandle got serious about boarding up windows, stocking food and worrying Monday as deadly Hurricane Ivan appeared to be heading in their direction as a "very formidable" hurricane.

At the other end of the state, people who had fled the Florida Keys were told the 120-mile island chain had dodged the storm's bullet and the 79,000 residents could go back home.

Emergency officials in several Panhandle counties were expected to decide Tuesday whether to order evacuations from rural fishing villages and beach communities as Ivan threatened to become the third hurricane to hit the state this summer.

Forecasters said Ivan, which strengthened about a Category 5 storm Sunday night with wind up to 160 mph, could strike somewhere along a huge swath of the Gulf Coast by Wednesday after striking Cuba later Monday.

Meanwhile, President Bush planned to ask Congress on Monday for about \$2.5 billion in additional aid to help Florida recover from its recent bout with hurricanes, congressional aides said.

The aides, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the request would not include potential damage from Ivan.

From The Associated Press

## Protester scales palace walls



A police officer, left, watches a protester dressed as Batman standing on a ledge Monday at London's Buckingham Palace. The protester, Jason Hatch, 33, is a member of the Fathers 4 Justice group, which is campaigning for greater custody rights for divorced or separated fathers. No member of the royal family was at the palace Monday.

## Brits: N. Korea blast a planned demolition

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Monday that a huge cloud caused by an explosion near its border with China several days ago was the planned demolition of a mountain for a hydroelectric project, British media reported.

North Korean Foreign Minister Pak Nam Sun said the blast was intentional, responding to a request for information from British Foreign Office minister Bill Rammell, who is visiting the North, the British Broadcasting Corp. quoted Rammell as saying.

North Korea told Britain's ambassador in Pyongyang, David Slim, that he can visit the blast site as soon as they Tuesday to verify its claims that the explosion was

part of a construction project, the Press Association of Britain reported. Rammell had asked that ambassadors be allowed to visit the site.

A mammoth explosion Thursday in the isolated, communist North reportedly produced a mushroom cloud more than two miles across.

South Korean and U.S. officials had said Sunday they were trying to ascertain the cause of the huge cloud. The size of the reported explosion on the 56th anniversary of the foundation of North Korea had raised speculation that it might be a nuclear test. Secretary of State Colin Powell said there was no indication it was.

In an interview with the BBC, Rammell said Pak told him "that it wasn't an accident, that it

wasn't a nuclear explosion, that it was a deliberate detonation of a mountain as part of a hydroelectric project." Rammell said he welcomed the explanation because North Korea is so secretive.

"It is genuinely a deliberate detonation as part of a legitimate construction project then the North Koreans have nothing to fear and nothing to hide and should welcome the international community actually verifying the situation for themselves," Rammell said.

The Chinese news agency Xinhua quoted an unidentified North Korean official as also saying the blast was part of a power plant project. "We will closely look into whether this area is an area for constructing a hydroelectric power plant," South Korean Unification Minister Chung Dong-young said.



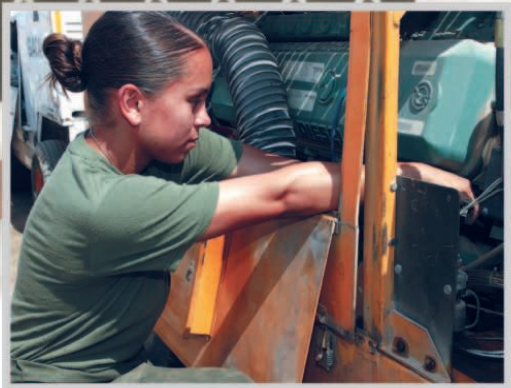
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**ABOVE** Lance Cpl. Laura A. Clark, support equipment technician, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 16, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, reaches deep into an NC-10 generator to repair a broken component in Al Asad, Iraq. The 21 year-old is from Tucson, Ariz.

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**LEFT** Staff Sgt. Richard D. Bush of the 101st Airborne Division's 551st Military Police Company, left, shows Spc. Abel Agmont how to block a punch during self-defense training in Afghanistan.

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# Spain hosts meeting with France, Germany

BY DANIEL WOOLLS  
The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero prepared Monday to host the leaders of France and Germany in a meeting symbolizing Spain's shift back to a European-oriented foreign policy, abandoning the previous Spanish leader's emphasis on ties with Washington.

Zapatero ordered the withdrawal of Spanish troops from Iraq immediately after taking power in April, and made a point of visiting Germany and France — Europe's main opponents of the Iraq war — in his first series of trips

## Visit signals nation's shift back to European-oriented policy

abroad as Spain's new leader.

Spanish officials say Monday evening's informal meeting with President Jacques Chirac of France and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder further cements Spain's realignment with Europe, breaking with former prime minister Jose Maria Aznar's focus on close relations with the United States.

"I think it is in Spain's interest to have good relations with the two most powerful countries of the European Union, which is the our first area of collaboration on

the international scene," Zapatero said in a radio interview Monday morning.

France said it was pleased with Spain's policy change. "France is delighted that Spain is showing its willingness in the construction of Europe," an aide to Chirac said in Paris.

Spanish media say the photo of Zapatero, Chirac and Schroeder that will emerge from the session is as important as the one that showed Aznar, President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair together in the Azores on

the eve of the Iraq war.

Zapatero last week called on other countries with troops in Iraq to follow his lead and withdraw them, saying it would help ease the violent chaos gripping Iraq.

But Spanish officials also shy from talking about any kind of new three-way axis that would challenge traditional alliances within the European bloc, such as the Franco-German, which often produces meetings between Chirac and Schroeder on the eve of European Union summits.

"We don't like the term axis. I

think it is a term that we Europeans should do away with," Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos said last week. "What we do like is being alongside those who want to build Europe. Monday's meeting is important for visualizing Spain's new position."

The meeting falls short of a formal summit and is not expected to yield any concrete agreements. The leaders are to meet for about an hour of talks, then have a working dinner.

## Report: Hostility toward Muslims in Europe growing

BY WILLIAM J. KOLE  
The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Hostility toward Muslims is "widespread" across much of the European Union, where followers of Islam are subject to verbal and physical attacks as well as discrimination in employment and housing, a human rights group said Monday in a new report.

Distasteful attitudes toward Muslims have grown since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States and the Madrid train bombings this past March 11, said the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights.

"As the fight against terrorism has been stepped up, and public debate has increasingly focused attention on Islamic extremism, Muslim minorities have come under growing pressure in these countries and elsewhere," said Aaron Rhodes, the IHF's executive director.

The hostility goes beyond anti-Muslim sentiment, the Vienna-based group said in a 37-page report, noting a rise in attacks on Muslims "ranging from slurs and

insults in the street to vandalism and serious physical violence." Its report focused on complaints in Belgium, Britain, Denmark, France, Germany and Italy.

In Britain and Germany, Muslims have been targeted by police searches and arrests "in ways that have infringed on the rights of Muslims who have nothing to do with terrorism," it said.

In Italy and Denmark, politicians have publicly branded Muslims as a security threat, and Muslims in Belgium and France have been caught up in government efforts to prohibit girls from wearing traditional head scarves.

"In all these cases, moderate and peaceful Muslims have been victimized because of the views and acts of a minority of extremist Muslims who advocate violence and intolerance," Rhodes said.

Estimates of the number of Muslims in the 25-nation EU range from 15 million to 25 million, said the group, which confined its study to countries in western Europe.

In May, the EU widened that net in 10 mostly ex-communist new-

comer nations from eastern Europe in a historic enlargement that boosted its total population to 450 million.

Although Muslim communities in most western EU nations are

mainly composed of post-World War II labor migrants and their descendants as well as refugees and their families, they have a "shared experience of intolerance and discrimination," the IHF said.

## Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

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Chicago Tribune

A vital ingredient of getting and keeping the job you want is working with a manager you can respect.

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Euro	\$1.224
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## IN THE STATES

## Assault weapons ban expires without action

BY CHUCK OXLEY  
The Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — The expiration Monday of a 10-year federal ban on assault weapons means firearms such as TEC-9s can now be legally bought — a development that has critics upset and gun owners pleased.

The 1994 ban, signed by President Clinton, outlawed 19 types of military-style assault weapons. A clause directed that the ban expire unless Congress specifically reauthorized it, which it did not.

Some of the 19 — foreign-made weapons such as the AK-47 and U.S. — are still banned under a 1989 law prohibiting imports of specific automatic weapons.

Studies by pro- and anti-gun groups as well as the Justice Department show conflicting results on whether the ban helped re-

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duce crime. Loopholes allowed manufacturers to keep many weapons on the market simply by changing their names or altering some of their features or accessories.

The differences between assault weapons and guns on the market before the ban expired are "cosmetic," Wayne LaPierre, executive vice president of the National Rifle Association, said Monday on CBS's "The Early Show."

"To lead anyone to believe we're talking about a class of guns that's more powerful, makes bigger holes, shoots more rapidly is not true," LaPierre said.

Gun-control advocate Sarah Brady disagreed. "There's nothing cosmetic at all about this 'Early Show,'" she said on "The Early Show."

Gun shop owners said the expiration of the ban would have little effect on the types of guns and accessories that are typically sold and traded across their counters every day.

However, the expiration could result in sharply lower prices for some weapons, said Sanford Abrams, owner of Valley Guns in Baltimore and vice president of the Maryland Licensed Firearms Dealers Association.

Many states — including California, Massachusetts, New York and Hawaii — have passed their own laws curbing the use of assault weapons. U.S. Rep. Butch Otter, R-Idaho, trumpeted the end of the federal law.

"President Clinton's so-called 'assault weapons' ban was nothing more than a sop to antigun liberals," Otter said Friday in a written statement. "It provided only the illusion of reducing gun violence, but it did real damage to our liberties."

But advocates for the ban, including the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, point to some particularly vicious shootings in which military-style weapons were used — including the 10 killings in the sniper shooting spree that terrorized residents in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., in 2002.

National police organizations such as the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Brotherhood of Police Officers and the Fraternal Order of Police all support the renewal of the ban. President Bush has said

he would sign such a bill if Congress passed it.

The expiration of the assault weapons ban does not mean the end of federal background checks. The 1993 Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act is separate legislation from the assault weapons ban, said Daniel Wells, chief of the FBI unit charged with overseeing the background checks system.

"The change in law relating to assault weapons has no impact on the Brady Law," Wells said.

Boise gunsmith Justin Davis predicted the biggest change in his business will be the ability of manufacturers and importers to market higher capacity ammunition magazines — the removable "clip" that holds and feeds bullets through guns.

Under the 1994 ban, the maximum capacity of a magazine was set at 10 rounds.

## Powell, Ridge back intel director

BY JESSE J. HOLLAND  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge on Monday endorsed creating a new national intelligence director to coordinate the nation's intelligence agencies, telling senators that giving the position real power will help keep America safe.

"A strong national intelligence director is essential," Powell told the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee at a morning hearing. "That strength is gained by giving the NID full budget authority."

"In this town, it's the ultimate command and control," Ridge added.

The two secretaries also said a new intelligence director will also help them do their job.

"Do you believe that a strong national intelligence director ... will improve the quality of intelligence you both receive?" asked Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, the committee's chairwoman.

"Yes, I do. We need a stronger empowered quarterback," Powell replied.

Ridge said "I concur" and said such a move likely would facilitate his access to intelligence.

President Bush last week endorsed the idea of combining most of the nation's nonmilitary intelligence agencies under a new national intelligence director, a recommendation that the committee is investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks pushed strongly in its final report.

The panel also called for the director to have the power to decide how to spend money that Congress sets aside for nonmilitary intelligence work. Bush also supports that idea, as do many members of Congress.

The Sept. 11 commission said part of the problem before and on Sept. 11 was that the nation's 15 intelligence agencies were not working properly together, and said creating a strong intelligence director would force those agencies to cooperate.



Secretary of State Colin Powell, left, and Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge appear before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee on Capitol Hill.

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## US Airways gets OK to use federal loan to keep afloat

BY MATTHEW BARAKAT

The Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A bankruptcy judge gave US Airways Group Inc. temporary permission Monday to use a government loan to fund daily operations — a move expected to allow the airline more time to

find alternative financing.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Stephen Mitchell's ruling came a day after the nation's seventh largest airline filed for bankruptcy protection for the second time in two years. The filing came after US Airways was unable to obtain \$800 million in annual cost cuts from its workers' unions that the

airline said it needed to stay afloat.

An attorney representing US Airways said at the hearing Monday that the airline had no intention of reorganizing.

"This management team isn't here to preside over a liquidation," Brian Leitch said, adding that the plan is to transform "into a vibrant competitor."

But Wall Street was skeptical. In midday trading Monday, US Airways shares plunged 60 cents, or 41 percent, to 86 cents per share on the NASDAQ stock market.

The company said financial deadlines looming Sept. 30 forced it to file now to conserve cash to navigate bankruptcy. The airline also had a \$110 million pension payment due Wednesday if it had not sought protection.

The bankruptcy filing could cost federal taxpayers. The government loaned the airline \$900 million last year as part of a special program to assist airlines after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, and the airline still owes the United States \$718 million.

# Report: Racial profiling up during terror war

BY SIOBHAN McDONOUGH

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Authorities' targeting of people because of their racial background or religious affiliation is a deep-rooted problem in the United States, with nearly 32 million people reporting they've been racially profiled, a human rights group said Monday.

The report by Amnesty International USA also said at least 87 million people — one in three — in the United States are at

high risk of being victimized because they belong to a racial, ethnic or religious group whose members are commonly targeted by police for unlawful stops and searches.

Racial profiling is a growing problem because the government has expanded its war on terror, the report said. Police, immigration and airport security procedures are the areas where the problem has gotten worse since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, it said.

Citizens and visitors of Middle Eastern and South Asian descent, and others who appear to be from these areas or members

of the Muslim and Sikh faiths, have become more frequent subjects of racial profiling over the last three years, the study said.

Such racial profiling is a distraction to law enforcement and therefore, undermines national security efforts, the report said.

As police primarily focus on Arab, Muslim and South Asian males, it said, they are more likely to overlook white terrorists. Recent cases of American Taliban John Walker Lindh and British shoe bomber Richard Reid show that al-Qaida has an incentive to recruit a diverse range of sympathiz-

ers. Aside from the ill-effects on victims — depression and humiliation — racial profiling reinforces residential segregation, creates fear and mistrust and engenders reluctance in reporting crimes and cooperating with police officers, Amnesty International USA said.

Twenty-seven states do not ban racial profiling, the report said. Also, 46 states don't ban religious profiling, 35 continue to allow pedestrian "stop and frisk" searches and only six of the 15 that ban these searches use a definition of racial profiling that can actually be enforced, the report said.

## Harvard grad student set to go on trial in killing of Mass. teen

BY DENISE LAVOIE

The Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — One was a struggling teenage father who worked as a cook. The other was a Harvard graduate student fluent in five languages. Their paths crossed just once, when the teen stopped for pizza and the Harvard student walked by his car.

Hours later, the teenager was dead and the Harvard student was charged in his killing. Their disparate worlds were to come together again Monday in a Cambridge courtroom when jury selection begins in the trial of Alexander Pring-Wilson, 26, charged with the death of Michael Colono, 18.

The killing seemed to worsen long-simmering tensions between working-class residents of Cambridge and students at the acclaimed Ivy League school. Media coverage focused on the "town-versus-gown" conflict.

Colono's family believes Pring-Wilson's lawyers have emphasized the ethnic and economic differences between the two families to try to make Michael Colono look like the attacker.

"The defense wants to try to use Michael's background and try to compare it to Pring-Wilson, and say, 'Hey, look at the differences. Look who's guilty and who's not,'" said Marcos Colono, Michael's brother.

Pring-Wilson's lawyers said local media played up class differences in a way that was unfair to their client. They tried unsuccessfully to relocate the trial.

Boston attorney Jeffrey Deneen, Pring-Wilson's lawyer at the time of his arrest, called his client a "gentleman" with a spotless record.

Pring-Wilson originally told police he witnessed a fight between two men and tried to intervene in the early hours of April 12, 2003. He later said he was attacked by at least two men, and he belted out his pocketknife to defend himself.



Harvard University grad student Alexander Pring-Wilson stands during his 2003 arraignment on murder charges.

Colono's cousin, Samuel Rodriguez, and Rodriguez's girlfriend, Giselle Abreu, told police they were sitting in their car at about 1:45 a.m., waiting for a pizza when they saw Pring-Wilson walking down the street.

Rodriguez and Abreu said Colono made a comment about Pring-Wilson "staggering" and Pring-Wilson exchanged words with Colono.

Pring-Wilson opened the door to the back seat where Colono was sitting, Rodriguez said. Colono jumped out of the car and fought with Pring-Wilson. Rodriguez told police he got out of the car to help his cousin.

Colono yelled that Pring-Wilson had a knife, Rodriguez said, and the two cousins got in the car. Colono then started having trouble breathing, and realized he had been stabbed.



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### Safer power window switches on the way

WASHINGTON — In an effort to prevent child deaths, the government is requiring automakers to install safer switches on power windows by 2008.

Officials of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced the new requirement Monday in Columbus, Ohio, with Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, who pushed for the change. The regulation will help prevent a child's head or limb from being caught in a power window, said NHTSA Chief Dr. Jeffrey Runge.

The rule will outlaw toggle switches, which rock back and forth, in all vehicles sold in the United States by Oct. 1, 2008.

From The Associated Press

# Bush derides Kerry's plans on health care

BY DEB RIECHMANN  
The Associated Press

MUSKOGON, Mich. — President Bush on Monday denounced Sen. John Kerry's health care proposal as a government takeover that would trigger tax hikes.

"We have a difference of opinion in this campaign," Bush told supporters in western Michigan. "I'm running against a fellow who has got a massive, complicated blueprint to have our government take over the decision-making in health care."

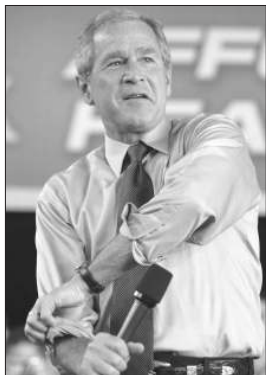
"Not only is his plan going to increase the power of bureaucrats in your life, but he can't pay for it unless he raises your taxes."

The crowd boomed. While Bush leads Kerry in the polls when voters are asked who would keep the country safe, the president's numbers aren't as favorable when it comes to domestic matters. A recent Associated Press-Ipsos poll found 51 percent of registered voters disapproving of how Bush is handling such issues as health care, education and the environment.

Sitting on stage with residents from Grand Rapids, Rockford and Muskegon, Bush outlined his health care ideas.

He said he wants small businesses to be allowed to pool resources to buy health insurance at discounts available to large companies. He also favors expanding health savings accounts and plans to propose a tax credit to help poor families and individuals buy coverage. Further, he wants to ensure that each of America's poorest communities has a health center to serve the underprivileged.

Kerry worked last week to turn the campaign focus to health care issues. At a round-table discussion in Des Moines, Iowa, he cited a new report



President Bush rolls up his sleeves Monday as he begins to speak at a campaign rally at Muskegon County Airport in Muskegon, Mich.

showing a double-digit increase in insurance premiums for the fourth year in a row. He also noted that monthly premiums for the part of Medicare that pays for doctor visits and most other non-hospital expenses is going up 17 percent.

It's an issue that plays well in the northern battleground states of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan where hundreds of people regularly travel to Canada to fill their prescriptions.

Bush's speech in Muskegon was the first stop on two bus trips, focusing on health care, that the president will take this week in the Midwest. He'll be in Minnesota on Thursday.

# Democratic group courts blacks in new ad campaign

BY LIZ SIDOTI  
The Associated Press

A group of Democratic insiders that has spent some \$40 million on advertising against President Bush is rolling out new campaign commercials telling urban blacks "don't keep getting played" and accusing Bush of turning his back on them.

"Bush has a plan for America. But you're not part of it," says one television ad being released Monday. Another claims: "Bush said prosperity was right around the corner, but he wasn't talking about the corners in your neighborhood."

The Media Fund plans to spend a relatively large amount for minority media — about \$5 million between now and Nov. 2 — on television, radio and print ads, mostly in presidential battlegrounds of Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Steve Schmidt, a Bush campaign spokesman, called the ads "divisive and baseless," and said they are "produced from a position of weakness."

Democrats have claimed that Republicans are working to suppress the black vote to help Bush win, particularly through radio and print ads by a Washington-based group called People of

Color United. Its ads, funded largely by Republicans, criticized Democrat Sen. John Kerry as a "wishy-washy, rich, white politician" and his African-born wife Teresa Heinz Kerry as "elitist, rich and white."

Blacks historically have been loyal Democratic voters, and Kerry needs to ensure they turn out on Election Day if he is to defeat Bush.

*"Bush said prosperity was right around the corner, but he wasn't talking about the corners in your neighborhood."*

Media Fund advertisement

Making the same argument, a new Media Fund radio ad claims: "The Republicans want you to sit out this election and simply stay home. Who are they fooling?"

Founded by former Clinton administration aide Harold Ickes and funded in part by billionaire philanthropist George Soros, the Media Fund is making its first major pitch to minorities. The Democratic National Committee also is courting black voters through ads and over the summer Kerry did some advertising targeted to blacks.

# Kerry knocks Bush for allowing assault weapons ban to expire

BY ANNE GEARAN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic Sen. John Kerry on Monday accused President Bush of ducking his responsibility to protect the country from crime and terrorism by allowing a national assault weapons ban to expire.

Kerry outlined his own \$5 billion plan to fight crime and picked up the endorsement of the National Association of Police Organizations, a coalition of more than 2,000 police unions and associations.

"Today George Bush made the job of terrorists easier and made the job of America's law enforcement officers harder and that's just plain wrong," Kerry told a Washington audience.

Kerry said, "George Bush made a choice today. He chose his powerful friends in the gun lobby over the police officers and the families he promised to protect."

Presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said that was "another false attack from Senator Kerry." Bush believes the best way to curb gun violence is to enforce laws that are on the books, McClellan said, and he added that violent crime was at a 30-year low.

On CBS' "The Early Show," gun control advocate Sarah Brady said that allowing the ban to lapse was "purely political."



Presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry outlines a \$5 billion plan to fight crime during a campaign stop in Washington, D.C., on Monday.

Brady's husband, Jim, was wounded in the 1981 assassination attempt on former President Reagan.

Republican leaders in Congress said last week they have no plans to renew the 1994 ban on 19 types of military-style assault weapons.

Kerry outlined a \$5 billion, 10-year anti-crime agenda, to be paid for by extension of customs fees already included in numerous pending bills.

In addition to restoring the assault weapons ban, his plan included:

- Fund the COPS program to the full amount authorized by Congress.
- Ensure that state and local law enforcement agencies get access to the national terrorist lists, and simplify those lists.
- Enforce existing gun laws and help U.S. attorneys battle interstate gun trafficking.

Editor's note: Three times a week, The Associated Press picks an issue and asks the Democratic and Republican presidential candidates a question about it.

## On the issues



What steps do you support to improve national parks?

### President Bush



"I have devoted \$3.9 billion to maintaining projects, putting the Park Service on track to eliminate the maintenance backlog. My 2005 budget devotes more funds per employee, per acre and per visitor than at any time in the National Park Service's history. As a result of our efforts to prioritize maintenance projects, the National Park Service has more than 4,000 improvement projects completed, planned or under way in our national parks."

### Sen. John Kerry



"We will keep faith with our clean air and water protections, and over the next five years, increase the operating budget of the National Parks Service by \$600 million to

put our parks back on a path toward recovery and restoration. We'll end George Bush's wrong decision to give snowmobilers free rein in our parks, and we won't deal with special interests trying to drill in our national parks."





## OPINION

## Assess Abu Ghraib from outside looking in

The Washington Post

A day of congressional hearings Thursday confirmed two glaring gaps in the Bush administration's response to hundreds of cases of prisoner abuse in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The first is one of investigation: Major allegations of wrongdoing, including some touching on Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and other senior administration officials, have yet to be explored by any arms-length probe.

The second concerns accountability. Although several official panels have documented failings by senior military officers and their superiors in Washington, those responsible face no sanction of any kind, even as low-ranking personnel are criminally prosecuted. To use the phrase of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., "this is beginning to look like a bad movie."

Rumsfeld has frequently boasted of the number of Pentagon investigations into the abuse scandal and has maintained that no others are necessary. Yet the senior officer in charge of one of those probes, Gen. Paul M. T. Kern, told the Senate Armed Services Committee of two major areas that remain unexplored. One is the Army's accommodation of dozens of "ghost prisoners" held by the CIA and deliberately hidden from the International Red Cross in violation of the Geneva Conventions and Army

regulations. Rumsfeld has acknowledged that at least one of those prisoners was held by his personal order — an order that two former secretaries of defense, James Schlesinger and Harold Brown, testified was "not consistent" with international law.

Kern reported that the CIA had flatly refused to provide his ghost with information about the ghost prisoners or their handling, prompting McCain's acerbic comment.

The only investigation of those cases under way — other than the internal review CIA has promised to be conducting behind its stone wall — is assigned to the Army's inspector general, Lt. Gen. Paul Mikolashchuk. Yet Mikolashchuk has already delivered one report purporting to find no evidence of such detainees, and according to reporting by Elise Ackerman of the Knight Ridder news service, Mikolashchuk himself commanded ground forces in Afghanistan at a time when ghost detainees were being held.

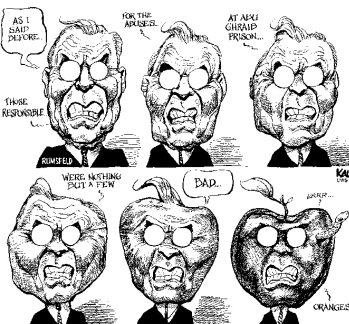
Kern also acknowledged that the Pentagon has never answered the critical question of how harsh interrogation techniques promoted by Rumsfeld and other political appointees at the Pentagon and the Justice Department "found their way into documentation that we found at Abu Ghraib," the notorious prison outside Baghdad. As Sen. Lindsay Graham, R-S.C., pointed out, those techniques were

"way out of bounds," "inappropriately" classified memos, he said, show that professional military lawyers opposed them from the beginning because "they violated the Uniform Code of Military Justice, they violated international law and they would get our people in trouble."

Nevertheless, as Kern put it, tactics that were "being debated back here in the United States found [their] way into the hard drives of the computers that we found in the prison." No investigation has clarified that "migration," or why Rumsfeld and other senior officials allowed it to occur even after the methods they proposed were determined to be improper.

Nor has the malfeasance by senior officials so far documented been attached to any formal consequences. Investigators confirmed that senior officers in the headquarters of Iraq commander in chief Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, including two generals, knew of the illegal abuses at Abu Ghraib but failed to report them to more senior commanders. Sanchez himself twice signed off on interrogation policies that the investigators found, contained illegal methods and opened the way to abuses. Yet none of these senior officers faces the courts-martial of more junior personnel, or any other sanction.

Rather, the Bush administration's investigators are striving to protect them: Kern insisted that Sanchez was "a hero."



To his credit, Sen. John Warner, R-Va., the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, refused to accept this dodge. Instead, he asked that Kern and his associates re-examine the cases of Sanchez and other senior officers, and he pledged to investigate the ghost prisoner affair. Yet it seems unlikely that a single congressional committee, buffeted by the pressures of an election year, will succeed in filling the holes it has uncovered.

The best solution is the recom-

mended [last] week by eight retired generals and admirals, including a former U.S. commander in the Middle East: an independent commission like the one that studied the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The former officers said the panel was needed "to investigate and report on the truth about all of these allegations, and to chart a course for how practices that violate the law should be addressed." As Thursday's hearings showed, the Bush administration has failed at both those tasks.

## Fourth Estate is friendly territory for Kerry crowd

In the event Sen. John Kerry loses the presidential election, it won't be the end of the world for him. He'll still be a U.S. senator married to a billionaire.

For the Democrats — anti-war party that has been masquerading as a pro-war party — a choice must be made. Will they follow their Democratic impulses into the political wilderness for a generation? Or will they compete again for the political center? The big losers could be the major media, which have discarded all pretense of objectivity, fairness and truth in their efforts to defeat President Bush.

CBS and The Boston Globe have been trying to resurrect for the third time the "controversy" over Bush's response to the Air National Guard. (For those of you who were living on another planet in January and February, Bush missed five months of drills in the spring and summer of 1972 when he moved from Texas to Alabama to work on a political campaign. This was permissible, provided he made them up later, as the record indicates he did.)

On "60 Minutes II" Wednesday, CBS broadcast an interview with Ben Barnes, who claimed he used his influence to help Bush get into the Texas National Guard. Barnes, one of Kerry's leading fund-raisers, had been claiming he had exerted his influence on behalf of Bush as lieutenant governor, until he was reminded that Bush entered the Texas Air National Guard in the spring of 1968, and Barnes didn't become lieutenant governor until 1969.

The Globe said in a story Sept. 8 that "no one has come forward with any credible recollection of having witnessed Bush performing guard service in Alabama." Retired Lt. Col. John "Bill" Calhoun, who ran the safety office of the 187th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, to which Bush was assigned for his Alabama drills, told The Associated Press in February that he saw Bush every drill period.

Why doesn't the Globe consider Calhoun a credible witness? The Globe goes on to confuse service in the Selected Reserve (which requires attendance at drills) with service in the inactive Reserve, to charge, falsely, that Bush missed drills when he was attending Harvard Business School in the fall of 1973. (Bush had completed his drilling service obligation the preceding June and July.)

NBC's "Today" program has never had a member of Swift Boat Veterans for Truth as a guest, but is allotting three mornings for interviews with Kitty Kelley, who has written a book alleging that the young George W. Bush was a cocaine user.

Newsweek magazine was given the opportunity to excerpt Kelley's book, but declined, because her previous journalistic efforts rarely have risen to the standards of the National Enquirer.

Good thing. Kelley alleges that her source for the cocaine story is Sharon Bush, embittered ex-wife of Neil Bush, black-sheep brother of George W. and Jeb. Sharon Bush issued the following statement: "I categorically deny that I ever told Kitty Kelley that George W. Bush used cocaine at Camp David.... Although there have been tensions between me and vari-

ous members of the Bush family, I cannot allow this falsehood to go unchallenged."

The major media, by and large, are slinging mud for the Democratic Party. This has not gone unnoticed.

At the Republican convention, Fox News had more viewers than either CBS, ABC and NBC. Never before had a cable network drawn more than a small fraction of the audiences of the broadcast networks.

Half or more of America's voters are likely to vote for Bush in November. They are not late it kindly when news organizations slant, twist, massage and ignore facts in order to boost his opponent, and they are taking their business elsewhere.

Kitty Kelley is the national affairs writer for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the Toledo (Ohio) Blade. A former Marine and Green Beret, he was a deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force in the Reagan administration. His column appears weekly in Stars and Stripes.

Jack Kelly



## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY





## Quick Trips

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RON JENSEN/  
Stars and Stripes

The 12th-century front of the Castle Acre priory in England, gives a hint of the glory of the building that is now a ruin.



# Prayerful place

## English ruin marks spot where monks once meditated

BY RON JENSEN

Stars and Stripes

No doubt, the cathedrals, castles and other buildings that have survived intact from the Middle Ages and are so plentiful in Europe are wonders to behold.

But don't overlook the ruins, the remnants of the grandeur. In their own way, the dismantled, crumbled remains of these buildings offer a similar magnificence, a unique glimpse of what was.

One of the finest places to witness this is Castle Acre, about 40 miles north of RAF Mildenhall and RAF Lakenheath, the large twin Air Force bases in eastern England.

The ancient priory that is the centerpiece of a charming village



The walls at the Castle Acre priory ruins provide a window into the monks' world. Be sure to walk throughout the complex, including the latrine area and the kitchen.

is a forest of stone remnants, empty windows and silent foundations.

Much of the priory ruins date from the 11th and 12th centuries, when the Cluniac monastery was founded in the village that had grown along a major Roman road on the north bank of River Nar, providing a stopover for pilgrims.

You won't see the elaborate

decorations once featured on this sprawling complex of buildings. You won't see the altar or the statues that were once central to the monks' worship.

But you will see that the place retains much of the atmosphere that must have provided the monks with a place to pause in quiet reflection throughout the day.

Never in the nearly 500-year

history of the priory — it was suppressed in 1537 by Henry VIII's break with Rome — did the number of monks reach more than about three dozen.

The west front of the church gives the best evidence of the priory's status. The facade hints at this. It is covered with fine arcades and stands, quite fragilely it seems, to this day.

Walk through the doorway and examine the ruins of the nave — roofless above and finely trimmed grass below.

A visit should not end until one has walked throughout the complex, including the latrine area and the kitchen.

While in the village, stop at the castle as well. Construction began here not long after William conquered England in 1066.

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## On the QT



### Directions

Castle Acre is about 40 miles north of RAF Mildenhall and RAF Lakenheath and five miles north of Swaffham. Take A1065 through Swaffham and turn left at the first brown sign pointing toward Castle Acre Priory and Castle.



### Times

The castle is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day from April 1 to Sept. 30; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from Oct. 1 to March 31. It is closed Dec. 24-26 and Jan. 1.



### Costs

Admission to Castle Acre Priory is 4.20 British pounds (about \$8) for adults and 2.10 pounds (about \$4) for children. English Heritage members get in free.



### Food

The village of Castle Acre has several places to find food and drink. One of the most popular is The Ostrich, a 500-year-old pub established after the priory was dissolved to take in the pilgrims who still traveled the road.



### Information

See the English Heritage Web site at: [www.english-heritage.org.uk/default.asp](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/default.asp) and click on "Places to visit and events."

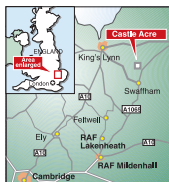
Several events are planned for the autumn at the priory, including:

■ **Medieval Family Fun Day**, starts at 10 a.m. Oct. 17 with medieval music, games and stories, 5 pounds for adults, 3 pounds for children;

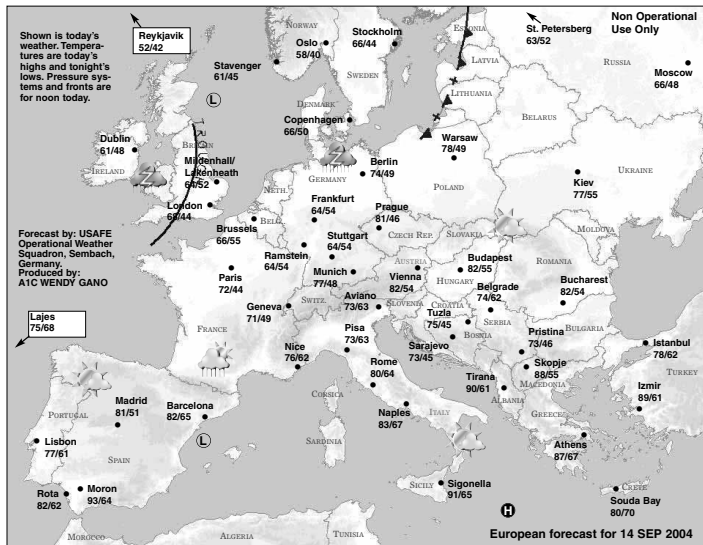
■ **Bird of Prey Experience**, Oct. 23-24, a chance to learn how to handle an owl or hawk, 45 pounds per person;

■ **Haunted Heritage**, from 4 p.m. Oct. 30, a lantern-lit one-hour tour of the priory for the strong of heart.

— RON JENSEN



PETER JAEGER/Stars and Stripes



## EUROPEAN FORECAST

**Benelux:** Mostly cloudy with morning rain showers. High temperatures will be in the lower to mid 60s.

**Britain, Ireland:** Mostly cloudy with rain showers, isolated thunderstorms, and gusty winds. High temperatures will be in the lower to upper 60s.

**Croatia and Bosnia:** Partly cloudy. High temperatures will be in the lower to mid 70s.

**France:** Mostly cloudy with rain showers. High temperatures will be in the mid 60s to mid 70s.

**North Germany:** Partly to mostly cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon and gusty winds. High temperatures will be in the mid 60s to mid 70s.

**Southern Germany:** Partly to mostly cloudy. High temperatures will be in the mid 60s to upper 70s.

**Hungary:** Partly cloudy. High temperatures will be in the lower 80s.

**Northern Italy:** Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. High temperatures will be in the lower to upper 70s.

**Southern Italy:** Partly cloudy. High temperatures will be in the lower 80s to upper 90s.

**Kosovo:** Partly cloudy. High temperatures will be in the lower to mid 70s.

**Norway:** Mostly cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. High temperatures will be in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

**Portugal, Spain:** Partly to mostly cloudy. High temperatures will be in the lower 80s to lower 90s.

**Turkey:** Sunny to partly cloudy. High temperatures will be in the upper 70s to upper 80s.

KEY: Sun, Partly cloudy, Mostly cloudy, Cloudy, Shower, Sleet, Rain, Rain, Snow, Cold front, Warm front, Trough, Occluded front, Sleet front, Low High

## AFRICA

Cape Town	HI 10	LO 0	Mogadishu	HI 10	LO 0
Dakar	HI 70	LO 50	Nairobi	HI 82	LO 54
Freetown	HI 83	LO 74	Rabat	HI 79	LO 61
Harare	HI 89	LO 69	Tripoli	HI 95	LO 64

## THE WORLD

Amsterdam	HI 10	LO 0	Manila	HI 90	LO 75
Bahran	HI 70	LO 50	Mexico City	HI 71	LO 56
Beijing	HI 67	LO 52	Montreal	HI 64	LO 50
Berlin	HI 73	LO 54	Norfolk	HI 104	LO 75
Bermuda	HI 85	LO 75	Rio de Jan	HI 77	LO 70
Caracas	HI 83	LO 63	Saudi	HI 83	LO 63
Helsinki	HI 81	LO 51	Sofia	HI 89	LO 62
Hong Kong	HI 78	LO 58	Sydney	HI 89	LO 62
Tokyo	HI 77	LO 61	Tokyo	HI 90	LO 66

## TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

Alaska	HI 10	LO 0	Cleveland	HI 80	LO 60
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## MIDEAST

Incirlik	HI 88	LO 56	Ashgabat	HI 83	LO 54
Baghdad	HI 107	LO 77	Tehran	HI 88	LO 68
Tel Aviv	HI 89	LO 71	Kuwait City	HI 107	LO 72
Cairo	HI 89	LO 69	Dhahran	HI 107	LO 72
			Dubai	HI 108	LO 73

## MIDEAST

Mazhar-Sharif	HI 101	LO 68	Kabul	HI 94	LO 56
Islamabad	HI 93	LO 74	New Delhi	HI 97	LO 78
Hyderabad	HI 87	LO 71	Mumbai	HI 87	LO 71
Karachi	HI 88	LO 71			

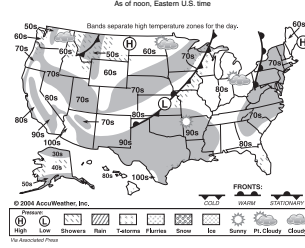
For current weather watches, warnings, and 5-day forecasts go to the USAF Operational Weather Squadron home page at: <https://ows.sembach.af.mil>

## SUN &amp; MOON

	Sunrise (London)	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise (Frankfurt)	0500	0502	0502
Sunset (London)	1815	1812	1812
Sunset (Frankfurt)	1741	1739	1739

	New moon	First crest	Full moon	Last crest
	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 6

## THE UNITED STATES TODAY



## PLANNING A CELEBRATION: USE A DESIGNATED DRIVER

• About 40,000 people are killed in road accidents on European roads every year.  
• The total costs for road accidents are estimated at over 160 billion a year in the European Union.  
• It is estimated that excessive blood alcohol concentration is involved in 1 out of 4 accidents and better drink-driving management could prevent up to 10,000 fatalities in the EU annually.



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## Slithery surprise

**NY** POTSDAM — A northern New York woman taking a used car out for a test drive found a little something extra under the hood: a 3-foot snake.

Margaret Brusco took a 1999 Honda Accord out for a ride after spotting the car at a dealership in Potsdam. When she noticed the car's hood was ajar, she decided to take a look at the engine.

A Saint Lawrence County sheriff's deputy with experience handling snakes corralled the ball python, an African snake that can grow up to six feet in length. The snake, named Zayla, had escaped its owner's home earlier this summer. It has since been returned to its owner.

## Dorm space needed

**SC** COLUMBIA — State officials signed off on a plan that could allow South Carolina State University in Orangeburg to begin building a 750-bed dormitory. The Budget and Control Board approved the \$36 million project. The school currently has a housing shortage and needs more than 300 beds.

## Architect helps the poor

**IL** CHICAGO — Renowned architect Helmut Jahn has designed sleek, one-of-a-kind structures for bankers and office workers, dabbled in sports and entertainment venues and even erected a modern airline terminal. But one of his latest structures is an environmentally friendly structure in intent on a larger purpose: housing the poor.

Jahn's stainless steel and glass "single room occupancy" building is expected to be built next year on a vacant lot.

The silver structure will consist of 100 units, and includes public areas where residents can meet and socialize. But more importantly, homeless advocates say, it will draw attention to the "supportive housing movement," which promotes single room occupancy buildings as a way to ease the homeless problem.

## Farmers in need of aid

**ND** BISMARCK — Gov. John Hoeven said a recent study of the state's crop losses shows the need for federal disaster aid. An assessment by North Dakota State University shows net crop losses of \$329 million, after factoring in insurance, in the state this year. The total hit to the state's economy is estimated at \$1 billion. Farmers across the state were battered by various weather problems, including drought, flooding, and early frost.

## DMV waives fees

**WA** SEATTLE — A computer error prevented the state Licensing Department from notifying about 152,000 people that their driver's licenses were expiring in July, August and September, officials say. Because of the problem, the agency is waiving the usual \$10 fee for motorists who miss the



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deadline. The computer mistakenly showed the holders of the affected licenses had already been sent notices.

## WWII park in works

**WY** POWELL — A National Park Service study recommends that the site of the World War II Japanese-American internment camp west of Powell be considered for National Historical Landmark designation.

The Heart Mountain Relocation Center site was one of nine properties recommended for historic landmark designation out of the 37 sites examined nationwide. The study focused on sites associated with Japanese-American exclusion, relocation and detention and with Japanese-American service in the U.S. Military during World War II.

## School settles lawsuit

**VT** RUTLAND — The Rutland school district settled a lawsuit filed on behalf of a hearing-impaired student who claimed the district didn't provide him a certified sign language interpreter. The district agreed to provide Nathan Netsch, 17, a Rutland High School senior, with an interpreter certified in American Sign Language. Parents Sally and Gary Netsch

filed the lawsuit, alleging their son couldn't participate in classes without the interpreter. Nathan Netsch can't hear spoken languages.

## Construction on hold

**HI** LIHUE — University regents have delayed plans to create a new college of pharmacy at the University of Hawaii-Hilo because of financing concerns.

The proposed pharmacy college would open in 2007 and have 66 students, with 75 percent from Hawaii. It would be the state's first pharmacy school and help the state meet its needs for pharmacists, which UH-Hilo estimates at 40 per year.

The startup budget for the new building would be about \$20 million plus a yearly \$2 million subsidy from the state.

## Party brings trouble

**TX** SAN ANTONIO — All 42 students cited for underage drinking at a party at a high school teacher's home entered no contest pleas.

The students were fined \$65 each, but all received deferred adjudication at hearings, a municipal court clerk said.

That means the charge will not appear on their records if they successfully complete a 180-day probation period and attend a required eight-hour substance abuse education seminar.

Authorities have not identified the teacher, who has been suspended with pay pending the investigation.

Officials said the teacher and her husband claimed they were asleep upstairs and did not know that more than 60 football players, band members and cheerleaders were drinking alcohol in their home.

Superintendent Mario Sotelo said the students involved were suspended for one football game. The eight football players also had to run 1,000 extra yards at daily practices for a week, he said.

## Helping to fight terror

**WV** MORGANTOWN — West Virginia University is developing a portable, high-tech computer system that could be loaded into airplanes to help pinpoint illegal drug cultivation, identify terrorist enclaves or find a stranded hiker. Project Oculus is a creation of WVU's Center for Industrial Research Applications, funded with nearly \$800,000 in research contracts from anti-drug programs in the Department of Defense and the National Guard.

## Casinos plan expansion

**IA** TAMA — Some Iowa casinos are planning expansions to meet growing demand, as the popularity of televised poker tournaments brings more players to the table. Officials at the Meekville casino near Tama say the casino's \$100 million renovation likely will include more poker tables. Texas Hold'em tournaments on the Travel Channel and ESPN have "totally revived" poker at the casino, spokeswoman Betsy McCloskey said.



**Jayhawk dunking** Chris Claxton, city of Leawood parks and recreation director and University of Missouri fan, holds up a toy Jayhawk that she was trying to drown after being dunked during a United Way benefit at Ironwoods Park in Leawood, Kan.



**Breaking a sweat** Southern University women's tennis team members' legs move back and forth in scissor kicks as they exercise to strengthen their abdominal muscles at practice in Baton Rouge, La.



**A unique view** Norfolk Mayor Paul Fraim gets an eye-level view of the Virginia Zoo's newest exhibit, a prairie dog habitat that includes underground viewing bubbles, in Norfolk, Va.



## Mower racing

**David Long leans into a turn during the finals of the Mowdown Showdown at Possum Trot Days in Walnut Grove, Mo. Long says leaning off the seat and shifting his weight forward is his key to success.**





Circus dogs

Jennifer Walker, of Walker Brothers Circus, and a troupe of performing dogs entertains crowds gathered at the Boyle County Fairgrounds in Danville, Ky.



Mmmm, good

Jada Dunson, 4, bites into a coconut cream pie as her father, Arville, cheers her on during a pie eating contest for children at the Gold Star Chili Fest in Cincinnati.



A grand view

Will Gadd, a Canadian professional paraglider, flies over the Grand Canyon in Arizona becoming the first paraglider to cross the Grand Canyon.



A dangerous job

Lao Yang of Milwaukee secures the arms to the center of the Ferris wheel as workers assemble the ride at the Lee County Agri-center in Verona, Miss.

### 33 years after Attica

**NY** ALBANY — State employees who survived the 1971 Attica prison riot, or their relatives, will hold a memorial service in Attica to mark the 33rd anniversary of America's bloodiest prison riot. The victims and families are still seeking a settlement with the state for compensation and an apology for the actions of state officials that they say resulted in the disastrous retaking of Attica prison from inmates.

### Army practices on goats

**CO** COLORADO SPRINGS — The Army used to injure dogs to help train medics in combat medicine. Critics complained, so it switched to goats.

Now that practice is under attack.

Humane Society officials are fuming over a Fort Carson exercise in which goats are intentionally wounded, practiced on by Army combat medics, then euthanized.

An Army spokesman said the training can save lives, but the Humane Society said the military could spare the goats by relying on electronic simulations instead.

An Army spokesman confirmed the animals are killed and cremated after the training exercise.

### Inmate neglected

**TX** DALLAS — A mentally ill Dallas County jail inmate was cut off from drinking water for nearly two weeks and denied psychiatric medication for almost two months, according to an internal investigation. He nearly died.

James Monroe Mims, 53, was rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital after jail trustees found him incoherent on the floor of his cell. Mims spent three months in the hospital, including a month in intensive care, before pulling through, family members said.

A spokeswoman for District Attorney Bill Hill said Hill would consider an investigation if the family requests one.

Parkland emergency room nurses found Mims to be critically ill, suffering from severe dehydration and kidney failure. The News reported. They told investigators he had been lying unaided for a lengthy period of time, and that a lack of water nearly killed him.

Mims was charged in 1978 with two counts of attempted murder in the shooting of two Dallas police officers during a domestic standoff. He was declared mentally incompetent to stand trial, however, and has been in state mental hospitals since.

### Grizzly rebound

**WY** JACKSON — The number of grizzly bears with cubs in the Yellowstone area appears to be rebounding, which could bolster efforts to remove the animals from the endangered species list, biologists said Friday.

A preliminary tally by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team showed 48 females with cubs, up from last year's count of 38.

The increase likely reflects the

natural reproductive cycle, said Mark Haroldson, a biologist with the study team. Female grizzlies typically reproduce only once every three years.

### Festering wounds

**CA** LOS ANGELES — Ignacio Pina was 6 when immigration officers came to his Montana home, held his family behind bars for a week, then herded them onto a train bound for Mexico — a country he and his five siblings had never seen.

It was 1931, the first year of a decade-long effort to remove Mexicans to free up jobs in a U.S. economy mired in the Great Depression. Estimates of the number of people caught in the raids range from 500,000 to 2 million, with researchers agreeing that they included tens of thousands of legal immigrants, as well as children like Pina who were born in the United States.

"Mexican Repatriation," authorized by President Hoover and carried out in cooperation with local authorities, targeted areas with large Hispanic populations, mostly in California, Texas and Michigan. It left festering emotional wounds that for many have still not healed.

### Fraternity shut down

**CO** DENVER — The Colorado State University chapter of a fraternity where a 19-year-old woman was found dead was shut down the same day the school's Greek system adopted rules barring alcohol from sorority and fraternity houses and some parties.

The Sigma Pi house was closed after university officials said an investigation turned up violations of alcohol rules during the past year.

Samantha Spady, a sophomore business major from Beatrice, Neb., was found dead in a lounge at the fraternity house. Police suspect drinking contributed to her death and have ruled out foul play. The Larimer County coroner had not determined the cause of death.

Investigators believe she had been dead for 12 hours before a fraternity member found her body.

### Cross-dresser arrested

**PA** GREENSBURG — A man who was fixated on a former cheerleader for 13 years was arrested after he allegedly entered a high school locker room and claimed he was a cheerleading coach, police said.

Robert Domansky, who dresses as a woman and goes by the name Kelly Dawn Hullenbaugh, was charged with trespassing, identity theft, stalking and other offenses, Greensburg Police Capt. George Seranko said.

Police believe Domansky, 48, changed his name after becoming fixated on Hullenbaugh — a former high school cheerleader who has since been married, divorced and has a different last name.

He uses the woman's name on his driver's license and has tattoos depicting her name and picture, Seranko said.

Stories and photos from wire services



SCREEN GEMS/AP

Milla Jovovich returns as zombie-fighting heroine in the video game-inspired sequel "Resident Evil: Apocalypse," which debuted at No. 1 at the box office this weekend.

## Undead lives up box office

Sequel 'Resident Evil: Apocalypse' tops weekend movies with \$23.7M

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The undead came alive once more over the weekend as "Resident Evil: Apocalypse" debuted at No. 1 at the box office, bringing in \$23.7 million.

The sequel to 2002's "Resident Evil," based on a video game series about shooting apart shuffling, bio-poisoned zombie attackers, follows its predecessor's lead as last year's remake of "Dawn of the Dead" and the zombie art-house thriller "28 Days Later," which reinvented the genre.

Overall, however, it was a slow week for new releases as most kids headed back to school and the big-budget blockbusters of summer evaporated in favor of B-movie-style thrillers and monster movies.

The suspense drama "Cellular," with Kim Basinger as a kidnapping victim who makes a random phone call to a cell phone and pleads with a stranger to find her, opened at No. 2 with \$10.6 million.

"Cellular" did OK, but every other movie was just treating water behind "Resident Evil," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box office tracker Exhibitor Relations Co.

"Resident Evil: Apocalypse" stars Milla Jovovich as Alice, a butt-kicking security chief who tries to help survivors escape a zombie-infested metropolis before the city is annihilated by a nuclear strike.

Rory Bruer, Distribution chief for Sony, credited the marketing campaign, which featured early teaser trailers that had little to do with the action-horror theme.

One trailer appeared to be an ad for a genetically engineered moisturizing lotion that regenerates dead skin — the product that causes the mayhem in the films.

"These movies come out of nowhere and do big business and everybody is caught off guard, but we really shouldn't be," said Dergarabedian. "These horror thrillers always make a killing at the box office."

The rest of the top 10 were holdovers from previous weeks.

### Top 10 movies

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

1. "Resident Evil: Apocalypse," \$23.7 million.
2. "Cellular," \$10.6 million.
3. "Without a Paddle," \$4.6 million.
4. "Hero," \$4.4 million.
5. "Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement," \$2.93 million.
6. "Anacardas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid," \$2.90 million.
7. "Vanity Fair," \$2.70 million.
8. "Collateral," \$2.70 million.
9. "Napoleon Dynamite," \$2.65 million.
10. "Paparazzi," \$2.60 million.

### AFRTS Television Schedule

Some listings may be inaccurate because of recent programming changes at AFRTS. Updated sports listings are available on the first Scoreboard page in the sports section or AFRTS's Web site at <http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/>

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2004					
(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00 DC Phil	Taina	Nightline	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Taped)	ER 'Great Expectations'	Lizzie McGuire
9:30 All That	All That	Corps News		All That	All That
10:00 Oprah Winfrey	Jeopardy!	Hardball With Chris Matthews		Law & Order 'Blood Money'	Jeopardy!
10:30 Guiding Light	Wheel of Fortune			The Simpsons	Headline News
11:00 ESPNNews	ESPNNews	CNN Daybreak		Everybody-Ramond	ESPNNews
11:30 General Hospital	Advisory Block			Ed 'The Process'	Headline News
12:00 Headline News	NFL Football Green Bay Packers at Carolina Panthers. From Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C. (Live)	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	Ed 'The Process'	NFL Football Green Bay Packers at Carolina Panthers. From Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C. (Live)
12:30 Judge Judy		Good Morning America	College Football Teams to Be Announced.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Biography: Wayne Newton: Las Vegas
13:00 Today Kitty Kelley: Peter Cincotti: a robot assisted neuro surgery.				Biography: Wayne Newton: Las Vegas	Friends
14:00				Friends	ESPNNews
15:00 Zoobomoloo (E)	ESPNNews	Headline News	SportsCenter	Seinfeld 'The Shoes'	Pacific Report
15:30 Animaniacs	Pacific Report	Channel One		The Daily Show	The Tonight Show
16:00 Lizzie McGuire	The Tonight Show	The Early Show	IRL Racing Delphi Indy 300. From Chicago Speedway in Joliet, Ill. (Taped)	Blind Date	Late Night
16:30 All That	Late Show			Late Night	Late Show
17:00 Headline News		FOX News		Ed 'The Process'	The Late Late Show
18:00 ESPNNews	The Late Late Show		ESPNNews	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Dennis Miller
18:30 AFN Evening News	7th Heaven 'Lisa White Lie' (Part 1 of 2)	FOX News	NFL Football Green Bay Packers at Carolina Panthers. From Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C.	Biography: Wayne Newton: Las Vegas	Countdown With Keith Olbermann
19:00	Dennis Miller	FOX News		Biography: Wayne Newton: Las Vegas	Countdown With Keith Olbermann
20:00 Movie 'Hunter: Back in Force' (2003) Fred Dryer. Suspense/Kramer.				Seinfeld 'The Shoes'	Entertainment
21:30 The Simpsons	Entertainment	Headline News	World Strong.	Seinfeld 'The Shoes'	The Hot List
22:00 Headline News	The Hot List	NFL Live	Caribbean Workout	Seinfeld 'The Shoes'	Headline News
22:30 The Tonight Show	Headline News	Corps News	Body Shaping	Body Shaping	Today
23:00 Today	Today	Lester Holt	Around the Horn	Around the Horn	Typical Mary Ellen
23:30 Late Show			Pardon the Interruption	Pardon the Interruption	

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2004

(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
00:00 (11:30) Late Show	(11:30) Today	Headline News	SportsCenter	The View	(11:30) Today
00:30 Access Hollywood	NBC Nightly News	NBC Nightly News		The View	(11:30) Today
1:00 4 Kids	Sesame Street (E)	ABC Wild News	Hockey World Cup Championship - Teams TBA. From Air Canada Centre in Toronto. (Taped)	Emment Live	Sesame Street (E)
1:30 MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	ABC Evening News	CBS Evening News		30-Minute Meals	Blue's Clues
2:00 Blue's Clues	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Former Star	Wheel of Fortune
2:30 Ruggars	Hannity & Colmes	Hannity & Colmes		Sensible Critic	DC Phil
3:00 DC Phil	Oprah Winfrey	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Baseball Tonight	Fashion File	Oprah Winfrey
3:30				El News Live	Oprah Winfrey
4:00	NBC Nightly News	BET Nightly News		The King of Queens	NBC Nightly News
4:30		BET Nightly News		That '70s Show	NBC Nightly News
5:00 Headline News	Business Rpt.	Business Rpt.	SportsCenter	Girlfriends	Judge Judy
5:30 ESPNNews	Larry King Live	Larry King Live		Charmed 'Ms. Hallie'	Access Hollywood
6:00 Headline News	Guiding Light	Nightline With Aaron Brown	Champ Car World Series Racing Grand Prix of Monterey. (Taped)	Guiding Light	Guiding Light
6:30 Headline News	General Hospital	General Hospital		Aly McBeal 'The Dirty Joke'	General Hospital
7:00 Sesame Street (E)	Larry King Live	Paula Zahn Now	SportsCenter	Any Day Now 'You Shoulda Seen My Daddy'	Sylvester & Tweety
7:30				Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron
8:00 Blue's Clues	Mechanics for Kids	Nightline	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.	Mechanics for Kids	Mechanics for Kids
8:30 Wheel of Fortune	Strangely Strange	AFN News Assignment		How the Finch Stole Christmas	How the Finch Stole Christmas
9:00 DC Phil	Jeopardy!	Hardball With Chris Matthews		Law & Order 'Sundown'	Jeopardy!
9:30 Guiding Light	Wheel of Fortune			Headline News	Headline News
10:00 Oprah Winfrey	ESPNNews	CNN Daybreak		The Simpsons	Pacific Report
10:30 Headline News	Advisory Block			Everybody-Ramond	Pacific Report
11:00 General Hospital	The Parkers	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	The Amazing Race	The Simple Life
11:30 Judge Judy	The Simple Life	Good Morning America		Andromeda 'Una Salus Vicus'	Fear Factor
12:00 Today Siegfried and Roy, Amanda Welch.				Andromeda 'Una Salus Vicus'	Fear Factor
12:30 Today Siegfried and Roy, Amanda Welch.	Las Vegas 'Blood and Sand'			Las Vegas 'Blood and Sand'	Las Vegas 'Blood and Sand'
13:00	Pacific Report	Headline News		Friends	Pacific Report
13:30	The Tonight Show	Channel One		Seinfeld 'The Outing'	The Tonight Show
14:00		The Early Show		The Daily Show	The Daily Show
14:30	Late Show			Best Kids	Late Show
15:00 Sylvester & Tweety	Headline News	Access Hollywood	SportsCenter	Late Night	Access Hollywood
15:30 Jimmy Neutron	The Late Late Show	FOX News	College Football Teams to Be Announced.	The Amazing Race	The Late Late Show
16:00 Mechanics for Kids	The Late Late Show	FOX News		Andromeda 'Una Salus Vicus'	Dennis Miller
16:30 Strongly Boys	Dennis Miller	FOX News	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.	Andromeda 'Una Salus Vicus'	Dennis Miller
17:00 Jeopardy!	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Headline News		Andromeda 'Una Salus Vicus'	Countdown With Keith Olbermann
17:30 Headline News	Entertainment	Inside Politics		Seinfeld 'The Outing'	Entertainment
18:00 ESPNNews	The Hot List	The Hot List		Seinfeld 'The Outing'	The Hot List
18:30 AFN Evening News	Headline News	AFN News Assignment		Caribbean Workout	Headline News
19:00 The Parkers	Today Siegfried and Roy, Amanda Welch.	Lester Holt	Around the Horn	Body Shaping	Today Siegfried and Roy, Amanda Welch.
19:30 The Simple Life			Pardon the Interruption	Pardon the Interruption	
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# FACES 'N' PLACES

## Geraldo sues N.J. co-op board

Geraldo Rivera is suing the co-op board of the housing development he lives in, alleging members wrongly kept a \$10,000 deposit on one of his properties and prevented him from buying another.



Rivera

The Fox News senior correspondent owns two homes in the 26-acre Edgewater Colony, where New Jersey residents own their homes but share ownership of the land.

Rivera said the board refuses to return the security deposit for construction

of the first home he bought about five years ago, among other allegations.

"They are arbitrarily and capriciously interfering with my house, down to minimal details like whether or not I should have a fish tank, or whether I should plant a certain kind of flower or tree," he said. The Record of Bergen County for Saturday's editions.

Karen Painter Randall, a lawyer for Edgewater Colony, said the lawsuit is "entirely without merit."

"We intend to aggressively defend the case and have reserved our right to seek an award of counsel fees and costs due to the frivolous nature of the lawsuit," she said in a written statement.

## Pope's life made for TV

Italian producers began shooting a television film about the life of Pope John Paul II in southern Poland, where the pontiff grew up and began his church career.

The film crew began shooting scenes Saturday of a young and athletic Karol Wojtyla kayaking in Lake Dobczyce near Krakow, where he served as bishop from the 1950s, said Marcin Marcinkiewicz, a spokesman for the producers.

"Karol, the story of a man who became pope" is to be broadcast in two 90-minute segments on Italian television. Production is expected to finish next spring, but no date has been set for the broadcast.

The film is adapted from a historical account by Italian writer Gian Franco Svidercoschi, with the first part set during World War II and the second in postwar Poland.

"The pope has seen the screenplay," Marcinkiewicz told The Associated Press. While most of the movie will be filmed in Poland, some scenes will be shot at the Vatican, he said.

Both Italian director Giacomo Battiato and the actor who plays the pope, Piotr Adamczyk, say they were not intimidated by depicting a character of the pope's stature.

## Bombings force cancellations

Singer Alicia Keys and British violinist at Bond have canceled concerts in the Indonesian capital after two weeks' deadly suicide attack on the Australian Embassy.

A spokesman for promoter Java Musikindo said Saturday that both acts were due to play Jakarta next month but have pulled out due to Thursday's bombing, which killed nine people and wounded more than 170.



Keys

Indonesia has been hit by a series of bombings in recent years that have led many acts to avoid playing in the country. In recent months, however, several popular Western bands performed there.



Country artist Terri Clark relaxes in her dressing room backstage at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn. Each track on Terri Clark's greatest hits package represents a story in her 10-year career — some serious, some humorous, but all part of her path from obscurity to becoming a country star.

# Onward, upward for Terri Clark

## Country singer mirrors Reba's career track

BY WALTER TUNIS

Knight Ridder Newspapers

Canadian-born singer Terri Clark sees a parallel trajectory in the patterns she and her idol Reba McEntire took to country stardom.

Specifically, Clark didn't lay permanent claim to the top of the country charts when her self-titled debut album was released in 1993.

But sturdy, career-defining hits came quickly with a string of rockish and rugged top 10 singles that included "When Boy Meets Girl" and "Better Things to Do."

She picked up her first ACM and Country Music Association awards nominations the following year as accomplished hits continued to pepper the charts.

Among them: a vigorous cover of the late Warren Zevon's "Poor Poor Pitiful Me" — a '70s smash for another of Clark's idols, Linda Ronstadt.

But matching the commercial star power of such contemporaries as Faith Hill, McEntire and fellow Canadian Shania Twain has eluded Clark.

That's something she hopes to correct. The recent "I Wanna Do It All" was a Top 5 hit, while "Girls Lie Too" roared up the country charts faster than any of Clark's previous singles.

"You can look at a lot of artists that

didn't hit their strides until 10 years into their career," she said by phone from Vancouver.

"It took Reba forever. She had five or six albums out on Mercury, switched to MCA and it still took an album or two before she really kicked in."

"Some artists just build into a career and explode later on. I think it remains to be seen what will happen with me. But to be nine years into a recording career and now have the fastest-rising single of my career is unbelievable."

Regardless of how large Clark's star profile becomes, one major career goal will be achieved this month when she joins the Grand Ole Opry. An invitation was extended by Russell Springs' favorite son Steve Wariner when Clark played a televised Opry show June 12.

"All they told me when I went onstage was to sing the first song, talk for about 30 seconds and then sing the second song," Clark said.

"Then when Steve walked out after the first one, all I could think of was, 'Hello. We're on TV here.' I freaked out, because I thought something had gone terribly wrong. Then I saw my mother there. It was quite a moment."

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Terri Clark  
Country singer

For Clark, membership in the Opry is as much a family triumph as a career milestone.

Her grandparents were country stars in Canada and regularly opened concerts for such Opry legends as Little Jimmy Dickens.

Clark also views the honor as a belated tribute to her grandmother, Betty Gauthier, who died in January.

"I have a letter my grandmother wrote me when I was about 13. She told me how hard this kind of career was going to be, about how I needed to stick it out and keep my chin up. So it's just wild for me now to be standing up on an Opry stage looking at Little Jimmy Dickens knowing my grandfather sat up drinking with him in 1954 in a bar in Canada."



# Horoscope

The new moon is in Virgo, along with such heavy hitters as Jupiter and Mars (not to make light of Virgo's guiding planet, Mercury, in the sign of helpful improvements, too). The new moon always signifies a perfect start date for new ventures, but this one is particularly stellar, as you've got gumption, good intentions and common sense.

Joyce Jilison



## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**(September 14).** You've got your mop turned up this year. You capture the hearts of people who want to pay you more, romance you and make your way easy. Your sense of fairness drives you to let relationships this month, contributing to your good financial fortune in October. Travel in November. Heart connections are with Libra or Sagittarius.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You're enthusiastic about your work, and it gains momentum because of this excitement. Avoid the tendency to back off right when something good happens. Your wit and dry humor attract love like crazy.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Stars highlight the more easygoing facets of your personality. You're surrounded by people who let you be you, so it's easy for you to return the favor by tolerating the eccentricities of others. Let your hair down tonight.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You've got the gift of economy. You can do with very little effort when you have a solid plan. If there are no instructions for the task you face, modeling yourself after one you admire is the easiest way to stay on track.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You may feel unproductive, but don't think twice, because that's true. Consider broadening your definition of work to include all that needs doing by you. It will help you to feel proud of yourself (instead of frustrated) at day's end.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Though you're bigger-than-life real person, it's important not to overreact. Losing

your cool is off-putting, whereas keeping it shows you're capable of handling great responsibility (and great reward).

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Your actions reflect your values, and your values dictate your actions.

Make sure you're spending time on tasks that correctly represent your priorities. People who call you only when they need you are not true friends.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Your relationships and emotional life take most of the focus — in fact, it's hard to concentrate on anything else. It appears you're stuck between a rock and a hard place, but another person looking at your situation would say, "Sweet."

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You'll be bumping into friendly, interesting people everywhere you go — you'll learn something valuable from the person sitting in the seat next to you. Use your psychic sense to invest. The logical choice is not the winning one.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You're attractive but may wish you weren't. The all-encompassing love of a partner overwhelms you or makes you want to flee. The more independence you exert, the more someone wants to get closer to you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You are ready to raise the stakes in a relationship — put more of your heart (and your lifestyle) on the line. Singles could shake the question that makes their palms sweat. Couples could intertwine their lives further.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Just relax. If you are anxious, you won't be able to react quickly. As the martial arts teach, it is the force of speed, not muscle, that allows a relatively slight person to break through a concrete slab.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You must remain positive to keep the team going. But being positive can mean identifying potential trouble sources so you can steer clear. Don't be afraid to speak up if you're the only one who sees a possible problem ahead.

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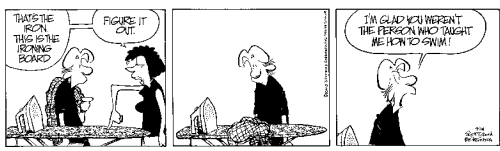
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## Jump Start



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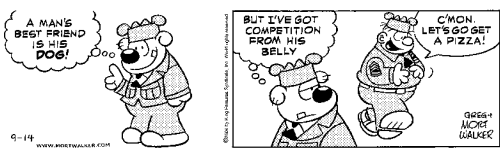
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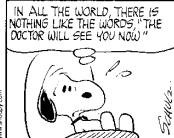
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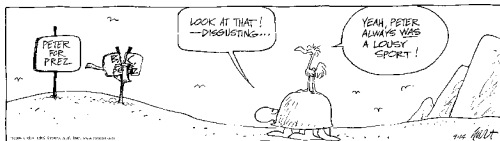




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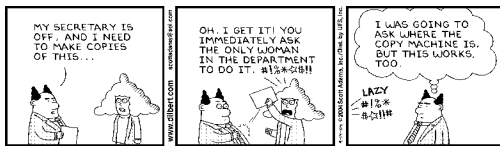
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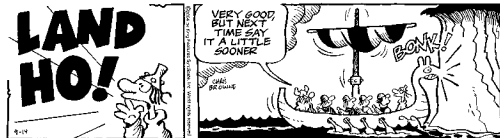
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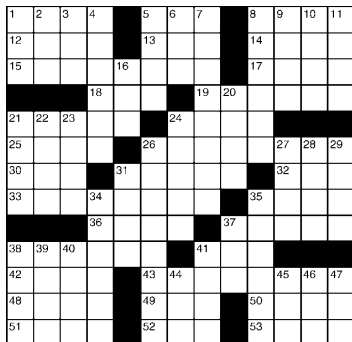
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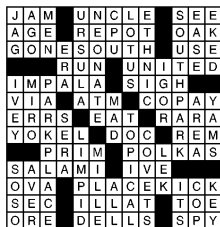
# Eugene Sheffer Crossword



## Across

- 1 Crazy
- 5 Branch
- 8 Hump-shouldered
- 12 Place of worship?
- 13 Debtor's letters
- 14 Fleur-de-lis
- 15 Spade user
- 17 Discumbers
- 18 Illustrations
- 19 Haggle over the price
- 21 It could be a step up
- 24 Medal earner
- 25 Burg
- 26 "Heart of —"
- 30 Past
- 31 London newspaper
- 32 Witty comment
- 33 Diamond event
- 35 Vitrol
- 36 Insincerely nice
- 37 Pointer
- 38 Tweak
- 41 Fuss
- 42 Slightly
- 43 Club, for example
- 48 Be philanthropic
- 49 Bar supply
- 50 Wild plump
- 51 Luminary
- 52 Wield a needle
- 53 "Desire Under the —"

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



## Down

- 1 Trail the pack

## 9-14

## CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN NEWBORN DUCKS HEAR BALLROOM MUSIC, DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY DANCE CHICK TO CHICK?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals P

# Warning signs for failed marriage

**Dear Abby:** Two weeks ago, my husband let it slip that he wants a divorce. Since we were married, his personality has changed completely. He is not the man I married.

I would like to pass along some tips for anyone considering marriage, and share some of the bright-red flags I chose to ignore.

■ If your parents or siblings have doubts about marriage, pay attention. Listeria check it out!

■ If your intended has nothing good to say about his ex, beware. This is a bad sign, as is the fact that only one person's fault.

■ If his children have nothing to do with him, do not believe him if he says his ex brainwashed them against him.

My stepchildren have told me they because they hated him, and they have good reasons.

■ Look closely at his credit and job history. They are sure predictors of what your life will be like.

■ If he's over 30 and has no

money, do not let him move in with you, and don't marry him until he's financially solvent. If he has any respect for you (and himself), he'll insist on it.

■ Be sure in your heart that you can live with him AS IS. You cannot change another person.

■ This is a biggie:

Beware if he has no friends. It is not true that they all chose to side with his ex.

■ If your friends dislike him, pay attention. This is also true if he hates your friends.

■ If he has more than one DUI and still drinks, run! — If he is one personality at work or with others, and another person alone with you, run.

■ If he has nothing to do with his parents, investigate why. Don't take his word for it.

■ If he has sexual problems, go with him to a doctor before you marry him. Believe me, his problem will become your problem.

■ If he is emotionally or verbal-

ly abusive, it will only get worse. Yelling, name-calling and glovering are classic signs of an abuser.

■ If he is never wrong and never apologizes, everything will be "your fault" forever. And after years of hearing it, you may even start to accept the blame.

■ And if he's mean to children, pets or animals, recognize that he's pathological, and the next victim could be you.

I am now 100 percent disbelieved and in danger of losing everything. I was taken in by someone who came to regard me as a disposable item. I only hope my letter will save someone else from my heartbreak! I'm experiencing.

—Eyes Wide Open in Mississippi

*Dear Eyes Wide Open:* Your letter is brimming with well-thought-out advice, and I hope my readers will heed it. I wish you luck.

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## JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argrion

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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**WENYL**

**DALINS**

**NOBBOA**

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**Answer:**

Yesterday's

Jumbles: LAUGH JUICE ELIXIR TINKLE

Answer: What the couple did when the upstairs neighbors had a dance party — HIT THE CEILING



(Answers tomorrow)

# Husband springs Viagra on wife

**Dear Annie:** My 70-year-old husband recently had his annual physical. His report came back perfect. Yet, my husband of 47 years has come home with a prescription for Viagra.

I am angry. I maintain that I had a right to be included in this decision. He says I am "way off base and it's no big deal." Is he right? Do physicians routinely prescribe Viagra to 70-year-old men with no questions regarding the support of their wives on this issue? I would like to hear from other women in similar circumstances.

—Married to the Old Goat in Virginia

*Dear Married to the Old Goat:* If your husband told his doctor you suffered from impotency, it's unlikely the doctor would have asked you for your opinion. The question is, why didn't your husband discuss this with you first? Any older man want to feel virile and young and think Viagra is the answer. Unfortunately,

## Annie's Mailbox



nately, not all wives are happy about the additional stress this can put on their sex lives. You're overdue for a long discussion.

**Dear Annie:** Two years ago, my darling 35-year-old daughter, "Celine," became engaged. There was no money for a ring, so I offered her a diamond that had been in my

family for years. Celine and her fiancé had the diamond reset into a beautiful engagement ring. She paid for this herself.

Several months later, Celine canceled the engagement. She recently became engaged to someone else, and this man presented her with his grandmother's ring, which is gorgeous and has several diamonds.

I asked Celine if she would return the diamond I had given her, and I offered to replace it with another stone of her choice in the same setting. She went absolutely berserk. She carried on so viciously about returning

the "gift" that I had to ask her politely to leave.

In my driveway, on her way out, she let loose with an obscenity that totally devastated me. We haven't spoken since.

I am terribly torn up by this and miss my daughter.

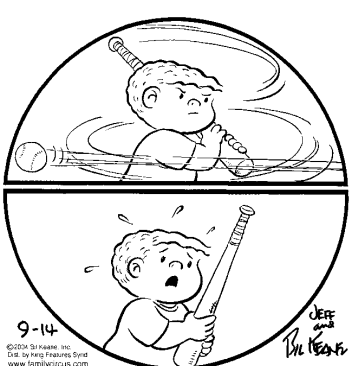
—Distressed Mom in Florida

*Dear Mom:* Celine ought to be ashamed of herself for such selfish, childish behavior. However, while it would have been thoughtful to return the diamond, she apparently thought it was a gift without strings. If you expected otherwise, you should have made the conditions clear to her at the time.

It's sad that Celine values the diamond more than her mother, but you obviously love her. Would she have inherited this ring someday? If so, it is a small price to pay for reconciling with your daughter. Call and tell her so. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to [annie@mailbox.comcast.net](mailto:annie@mailbox.comcast.net), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

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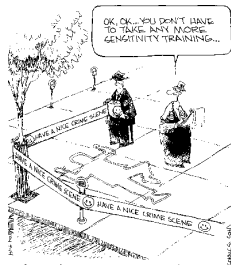
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## The Far Side



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## SCOREBOARD

## AFN-TV &amp; Radio

## Tuesday

**AFN-Sports, 1:30 a.m.** — MLS soccer: Dallas at D.C. United.

**AFN-Sports, 2:30 a.m.** — Hockey: World Cup semifinal, Czech Republic at Canada (C.D. United).

**AFN-Atlantic AFN-Radio, 3 a.m.** — NFL football: Baltimore Ravens at Carolina Panthers.

**AFN-Sports, 5 a.m.** — WNBA basketball: Los Angeles Sparks at Phoenix Mercury.

**AFN-Sports, 5 a.m.** — SportsCenter: Salute the Troops (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

**AFN-Sports, 5 a.m.** — College football: UNLV at Wisconsin (cd).

**AFN-Sports, 6 a.m.** — SportsCenter: Salute the Troops (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

**AFN-Sports, 6:30 a.m.** — SportsCenter: Salute the Troops (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

**AFN-Sports, 7 a.m.** — NFL football: Green Bay at Carolina (cd).

**AFN-Sports, 7 a.m.** — College football: Baylor at Carolina (cd).

**AFN-Sports, 7 a.m.** — SportsCenter: Salute the Troops (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

## Wednesday

**AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.** — Hockey: World Cup final, Finland at Canada.

**AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.** — Baseball: Houston at St. Louis.

**AFN-Sports, 5 a.m.** — Auto racing: Champ Car Grand Prix of Monterey (cd).

**AFN-Sports, 7 a.m.** — SportsCenter: Salute the Troops (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

**AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.** — College football: Wake Forest at North Carolina.

**AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.** — Baseball: NY Yankees at Kansas City.

(All times Central European Time; did indicate tape-delayed broadcasts. All listings subject to change. Some radio broadcasts not available in all areas. Visit [www.afn.com](http://www.afn.com) for more information.)

## College football

## AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll with first-place votes in parentheses, through Sept. 13. Total points on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote.

	Record	Pts
1. Southern Cal (52)	2-0	1,611
2. Oklahoma (10)	2-0	1,352
3. Texas (1)	1-0	1,478
4. Miami (3)	1-0	1,478
5. Texas (1)	1-0	1,131
6. Virginia (1)	1-0	1,087
7. Florida St. (1)	1-0	1,087
8. Ohio St. (1)	1-0	1,087
9. California (2)	0-0	969
10. Florida (2)	0-0	812
11. Tennessee (2)	0-0	739
12. Utah (2)	0-0	699
13. Michigan (2)	1-0	577
14. Fresno St. (2)	0-0	454
15. Maryland (2)	0-0	392
16. Tennessee (2)	0-0	392
17. Boise St. (2)	0-0	201
18. Memphis (2)	0-0	86

Sept. 13, 2004. Georgia Tech 46, NC State 44, 45-0; Notre Dame 38, Virginia Tech 23, 31-0; Troy 31, Arkansas 27, Clemson 23, Alabama 20, 20-0; Virginia Tech 31, Boston College 13, Colorado 7, Stanford 4.

## USA Today/ESPN Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The USA Today-ESPN college football poll with first-place votes in parentheses, through Sept. 13. Total points on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking.

	Record	Pts
1. Southern Cal (47)	2-0	1,695
2. Tennessee (2)	0-0	1,411
3. Georgia (2)	2-0	1,371
4. Michigan (2)	1-0	1,315
5. Miami (3)	1-0	1,412
6. Tennessee (2)	0-0	1,315
7. Ohio State (2)	0-0	1,058
8. Virginia (1)	1-0	887
9. Florida (2)	0-0	887
10. Florida State (2)	0-0	802
11. Iowa (2)	0-0	782
12. Tennessee (2)	0-0	782
13. Utah (2)	0-0	651
14. Michigan (2)	0-0	643
15. Virginia (1)	1-0	634
16. Tennessee (2)	0-0	634
17. Purdue (2)	0-0	525
18. Maryland (2)	0-0	525
19. Fresno State (2)	0-0	408
20. Wisconsin (2)	0-0	372
21. Minnesota (2)	0-0	298
22. Ohio State (2)	0-0	298
23. Louisville (2)	0-0	111
24. Others receiving votes:		Kansas State 94,

## Auto racing

**Delphi Indy 300**

**Indy Racing League**

**At Chicagoland Speedway**

**Joe Gibbs, 1.5 miles**

**(Starting position in parentheses)**

1. (10) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 200, \$82,900.

2. (2) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Honda, 200, \$69,700.

3. (4) Vitor Meira, Dallara-Honda, 200, \$56,400.

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5. (10) Sam Hornish Jr., Dallara-Toyota, 200, \$46,700.

6. (20) Scott Dixon, Panoz Force-Toyota, 200, \$44,400.

7. (14) Felipe Giaffone, Dallara-Chevrolet, 200, \$46,200.

8. (30) Scott Sharp, Dallara-Toyota, 200, \$47,700.

9. (11) Helly Castellanos, Dallara-Toyota, 200, \$47,700.

10. (11) Alex Barron, Dallara-Chevrolet, 200, \$47,700.

11. (23) Tony Takagi, Dallara-Toyota, 199, \$31,200.

12. (4) Buddy Rice, Panoz Force-Honda, 200, \$47,700.

13. (11) Darrin Manning, Panoz Force-Toyota, 195, \$46,000.

14. (6) A.J. Foyt IV, Dallara-Toyota, 156, \$45,000.

15. (18) Mark Taylor, Panoz Force-Honda, 156, \$45,000.

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# Dialing long distance

## Bonds' 699th homer is a 460-foot shot to remember

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Barry Bonds mused within one homer of 700 with a drive that will be remembered — a 460-foot shot off the scoreboard in center field. Bonds' 699th home run helped the San Francisco Giants beat Arizona 5-2 on Sunday to regain the NL wild-card lead.

Bonds had a feeling Mike Kopolove would pitch to him. "I could see it in his face," Bonds said. "Like, 'I'm tired of this, too. You might miss it.'"

Bonds had walked twice, increasing his record total to 203, before hitting his 41st homer of the season, the 100th September homer of his career. He's third on the career list behind Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714). "If you don't start your car eventually, the battery goes dead," Bonds said. "I'm sitting over there just rooting for everybody and, hopefully, we're staying in this thing, but my car's got to start, too, once in a while."

"To be honest with you," Kopolove said, "I thought I threw a perfect pitch. He was, I guess, just standing a little close to the JumboTron when he hit it."

San Francisco (79-65) won for the sixth time in nine games and pulled one game ahead of Chicago (76-64) and Houston (76-66).

Jason Schmidt (16-6) pitched a four-hitter and struck out nine and A.J. Pierzynski, J.T. Snow and Pedro Feliz hit solo homers.

Randy Choate (1-3) was the loser in Arizona's 10th defeat this season.

**Mariners 11, Cubs 1:** Juan Pierre had three of visiting Flori-

*"I could see it in his face. Like, 'I'm tired of this, too. You might miss it.'"*

**Barry Bonds**

On hitting his 699th home off Arizona's Mike Kopolove

da's 15 hits, and A.J. Burnett (7-6) allowed one run and six hits in eight innings as the Marlins remained 2½ games behind the Giants. Glendon Rusch (6-2), starting because of Matt Clement's shoulder injury, gave up five runs in four earned — and seven hits in 3½ innings.

**Astros 5, Pirates 4:** Pinch-hitter Jason Lane had a go-ahead double in the 10th as visiting Houston rallied after being held hitless by Dave Williams for six innings.

Chad Qualls got Abraham Nunez to ground into a game-ending double play with two on for his first career save.

Houston's Roy Oswalt was in position to become the NL's first 16-game winner before Brad Lidge (5-5) allowed Bobby Hill's RBI single in the eighth and Craig Wilson's leadoff homer in the ninth.

**Padres 15, Rockies 2:** Brian Giles hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the eighth off Steve Reed (3-6), then capped a 12-run ninth with a three-run homer against Chris Gelske.

Visiting San Diego, which stayed 2½ games back of the Giants, had 18 hits.

The Padres tied a team record with 10 hits in the ninth and finished one shy of the team record for runs in an inning. Ramon Hernandez singled and doubled in the inning and Sean Burroughs tripled and singled.

Jack Peavy (15-2) allowed two runs and seven hits in eight innings.

**Phillies 4, Mets 2:** At New York, Vicente Padilla (6-7) allowed four hits in 6½ shutout innings to help Philadelphia win its sixth straight and complete its second three-game sweep of the Mets in 10 days.

Tim Worrell pitched the ninth for his 19th save, and the Phillies remained 4½ games off the wild-card lead.

Tom Glavine (9-13) lost for the 10th time in 12 decisions, allowing four runs and seven hits in six innings. New York (61-81) lost for the 19th time in 21 games.

**Cardinals 7, Dodgers 6:** Larry Walker went 4-for-5 with two homers and three RBIs for St. Louis.

While the Cardinals ended the Dodgers' five-game winning streak, St. Louis went 2-4 on its first losing road trip of the season.

Chris Carpenter (15-5) allowed six runs — five earned — and eight hits in five innings and Jason Iraheta went four out for his 41st save. The Dodgers' John Smoltz wasted an 8-5 lead by giving up run-scoring singles in the ninth to Andy Chavez, Terrell Sledge and Juan Rivera.

Armando Cruz (6-2), the eighth pitcher for host Atlanta, allowed



San Francisco's Barry Bonds hits his 699th career home during the ninth inning of Sunday's 5-2 victory over Arizona, helping the Giants move one game ahead of the Chicago Cubs in the NL wild-card race.

one hit in two innings. Braves starter Jose Capellan gave up two runs, four hits and three walks in five innings in his major league debut.

**Brewers 11, Reds 0:** Russell Branyan homered in his first two at-bats and Brady Clark hit a

three-run homer as former Reds delivered against their old team at Cincinnati.

Ben Sheets (11-11) struck out 11 in seven innings — his eighth double-digit game this season — and allowed three hits. Aaron Harang (8-9) gave up seven runs and nine hits in 4½ innings.

# Red Sox can't solve Meche; fall 3½ behind Yankees

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Boston Red Sox were beating up on pitchers — again — they ran out of them.

The unheralded right-hander threw a five-hitter Sunday for his second career shutout, leading the Seattle Mariners to a 2-0 victory over Boston.

"To shut a team like this down, when they're in a pennant race and they've scored the most runs in baseball, it's a great feeling," said "They've got a tough lineup and I just made some good pitches."

Anaheim also got a stellar pitching performance from Bartolo Colon in his first year with the club, joining Nolan Ryan (1972), Bill Singer (1973) and Bert Blyleven (1989).

Colon, who pitched for Chicago last season, held his former teammates to six hits and won for the 10th time in 13 decisions.

"Know a lot of guys on that club and they know my pitches, so mixing it up was important," he said.

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Colon struck out six and walked one. Garret Anderson drove in three runs for the Angels, who remained two games behind first-place Oakland in the AL West. Anaheim did gain some ground in the wild-card race, trimming Boston's lead to five games.

The Red Sox never solved Meche (5-6), who walked one, struck out four and retired 12 of his final 13 batters in his third career complete game. The other two games were shortened to five innings because of rain.

"That doesn't count," Meche said. "A five-inning rainout doesn't mean anything to me. I kept waiting for this one. I finally let this one under my belt. I feel like I can get a few more."

Shut out for the 3½ time this season, Boston fell 3½ games behind the first-place New York Yankees in the AL East. The Red Sox, who lead the majors with 825 runs, are 30-10 since Aug. 1.

"We're in a good spot," center-fielder Johnny Damon said. "We kept the teams in the West are going to start beating each other up. We're just going to have to play good ball if we want to get to the playoffs. And we know we're going to play good ball."

Raul Ibanez hit a two-run homer for the Mariners and Ichiro Suzuki went 2-for-4 with two singles, boosting his total to 231 hits this season. He is batting .374 and has 20 home runs to reach the 84-year-old major league record of 257 hits, set by George Sisler of the St. Louis Browns.

Meche outpitched Derek Lowe (14-11) to improve to 4-1 with a 3.45 ERA in nine starts since being recalled from Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League on July 30. The teams split four games, ending Boston's streak of seven straight series victories.

**Yankees 9, Orioles 7:** Gary Sheffield and Hideki Matsui hit consecutive homers in the ninth and New York took advantage of 14 walks in a comeback victory.

The Yankees trailed 6-2 in the

fifth before winning for the seventh time in eight games. They have rallied from deficits of four or more runs in nine victories this year. New York stranded 17 runners Sunday and went 0-for-5 with the bases loaded. The Yankees had not drawn 14 walks in a game since 1980.

With the score 7-7, Sheffield hit his 34th homer of the season leading off the ninth against Jorge Julio (2-5).

Tom Gordon (7-4) got four outs and Mariano Rivera earned his major league-leading 48th save.

Baltimore used 10 pitchers, a major league record for a nine-inning game.

**Athletics 1, Indians 0:** Barry Zito (11-10) struck out 10 for the first time since May 27 last year at Minnesota, and Erubiel Durazo hit his career-high 22nd homer, a second-inning drive off Jake Westbrook (1-8).

Chris Hammond, Chad Bradford and Octavio Dotel completed the six-hitter for host Oakland, with Dotel getting his 20th save when he threw a called third strike past Coco Crisp with runners on first and second.

**Rangers 7, Blue Jays 6:** Mark Teixeira homered twice, including a go-ahead, two-run shot in the eighth off Justin Speier (3-7), as the host Rangers completed a three-game sweep.

Francisco Cordero struck out three in the ninth for his team-record 44th save.

**Twins 8, Tigers 5:** Terry Lefke, Torii Hunter and Trifone Guzman homered as visiting Minnesota (82-60) won its fifth straight and ensured its fourth consecutive winning season.

Terry Mulholland (5-8) allowed four runs in 6½ innings, and Joe Nathan got one out for his 42nd save. Pinch-hitter Ivan Rodriguez had a ninth-inning RBI single that ended J.C. Romero's team-record scoreless streak at 36½ innings.

**Devil Rays 7, Royals 2:** Jorge Sosa (4-4) allowed five hits in seven shutout innings to win for the first time in six starts. Rocco Baldelli hit a two-run single for the visiting Devil Rays, who had 15 hits and won their second straight following a 12-game losing streak.

# N. 1 USC 'lived up to' billing vs. Rams

## Rout solidified Trojans' ranking

BY JOHN NADEL  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Southern California hardly resembled an elite team — much less No. 1 — in its first game of the season.

The Trojans made significant strides in Game 2.

After fumbling away a chance to score on its first possession, USC dominated perennial Mountain West Conference contender Colorado State in handing the Rams their most lopsided loss in eight years, a 49-0 setback Saturday night.

"We bit off a little more than we could chew," CSU coach Sonny Lubick said.

"This is as bad as it gets here," Rams wide receiver Joel Dreessen said.

The win was USC's 22nd in 23 games and 11th straight — the second-longest active winning streak among Division I-A schools behind Boise State's 13.

The top-ranked Trojans (2-0) are young and inexperienced in the offensive line and at wide receiver, and it showed in a 24-13 triumph over Virginia Tech on Aug. 7, when they had to come from behind in the second half.

The receivers showed they still

have a long way to go against Colorado State, dropping several passes from Matt Leinart.

"Matt could have had unbelievable numbers had we caught those balls," USC coach Pete Carroll said.

But the offensive line was out-standing, paving the way for the Trojans to rush for 322 yards — their most since 1990 when they gained 331 on the ground at Ohio State.

And Leinart, who completed 20 of 31 passes for 231 yards and two touchdowns, was afforded outstanding protection.

"We just dominated," Leinart said. "We don't care about rankings. We want to go out there and have an attitude, have that hunger we had last year as the season progressed."

The Trojans won 12 of 13 games and shared the national championship with LSU last year.

LenDale White gained 123 yards on 14 carries and scored a career-high three touchdowns, and Reggie Bush picked up 84 yards on 12 attempts and scored once.

"They proved they are a good one of the best in the nation," White said of the offensive line. "It takes a few weeks to get



Southern Cal quarterback Matt Leinart evades Colorado State defender Courtney Jones (52) and Ben Stranton during Saturday's game. Leinart completed 20 of 31 passes for 231 yards and two touchdowns.

the rhythm, but once they got it going, they were making some huge holes for me."

The Trojans rushed for only 101 yards against Virginia Tech.

"I was most excited about the offensive line," Carroll said.

"They played a complete game."

The defense, shaky at times against Virginia Tech, forced six turnovers in Colorado State's first scoreless game since 1997.

The Trojans gained 553 yards to Colorado State's 281 and got 32 first downs to 14 for the Rams (0-2).

Justin Holland, who passed for 403 yards in Colorado State's season-opening 27-24 loss to Colorado, completed 19 of 35 passes for 233 yards against USC. But he threw four interceptions and was sacked four times, one causing a fumble.

A crowd of 85,521 watched the Trojans win their 16th straight game at the Coliseum and their seventh consecutive home opener.

"I wondered how we'd do today," Carroll said. "I wasn't sure if we would put it all together like we needed to. But as you can see, we took care of it."

# Upsets shake up Top 25

The Associated Press

The upsets have begun and the little guys are moving into The Associated Press poll.

After ranked teams started the season 21-0, five fell to unranked opponents this weekend, shaking up the media poll released Sunday.

While No. 1 Southern California and No. 2 Oklahoma had no problems holding on to the top two spots with lopsided wins, four teams fell out of the rankings — Kansas State and Missouri from the Big 12, Clemson from the Atlantic Coast Conference and Oregon from the Pac-10.

They were replaced by No. 19 Fresno State, which won at Kansas State, No. 23 Boise State from the Western Athletic Conference, and No. 24 Louisville and No. 25 Memphis from Conference USA.

The Tiggers are ranked for the first time.

"Mid-majors are starting to come up, and good things are happening," Fresno State defensive end Garrett McIntyre said. "We can bet BCS bids and we think we can get them, but we have to go undefeated in order to do it. I think it's our turn."

For Fresno State, it's looking like a repeat of the 2001 season.

That year David Carr and the Bulldogs knocked off the teams from marquee conferences and made a run at breaking into the Bowl Championship Series.

"This team still has a long way to go," Fresno State coach Pat Hill said. "Both teams are different, but they play with the same hunger and aggression. We've just got to keep playing like this."

Saturday's Fresno State win in Manhattan followed a victory at Washington six days earlier.

Boise State extended the nation's longest winning streak to 13 games by beating Oregon State 53-34 on Friday. The Bronco finished last season ranked 16th after going 13-1.

"As every coach will tell you, it's where you end up," Boise State coach Dan Hawkins said Sunday. "But it's not like you don't put any credence in it."

# Third-ranked Georgia without top rusher vs. Marshall

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Freshman tailback Danny Ware will miss at least one game for No. 3 Georgia after tests showed he suffered a bruised lung against South Carolina.

Coach Mark Richt said Sunday that while Ware wasn't able to play next week against Marshall, he should be ready for LSU on Oct. 2.

Ware rushed for 135 yards and three touchdowns in Georgia's season-opening victory over Georgia Southern, but was held out Saturday.

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urday after he coughed up blood on the sideline in the second quarter of the Bulldogs' 20-16 win.

With Ware limited to eight carries for 41 yards, Michael Coopes and Tyson Browning combined for 115 yards rushing. Another option at tailback against Marshall is Tony Milton, who spent the last week working at fullback.

Georgia (2-0) has an off week after the Marshall game.

## Hokies' Vick pleads no contest

CHRISTIANSBURG, Va. — Suspended Virginia Tech quarterback Marcus Vick pleaded no contest Monday to one misdemeanor count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor stemming from a night of drinking with underage girls.

Vick, younger brother of Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick, received a suspended 30-day jail sentence, was fined \$100 and ordered to perform 24 hours of community service.

The charge stemmed from an

encounter Vick and two teammates — Mike Imoh and Brenden Hill — had with 14- and 15-year-old girls at Vick's apartment during the winter.

## West Virginia tailback Harris questionable for Maryland

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — West Virginia running back Kay-Jay Harris is questionable for Saturday's game against No. 21 Maryland with a pulled hamstring.

The seven-ranked Mountaineers lost Harris early in a 45-20 victory at Central Florida on Saturday night.

# Fernandez wins at Chicagoland; Rice OK after scary crash

The Associated Press

JOLIET, Ill. — When Buddy Rice won at Michigan, Adrian Fernandez got most of the attention for a spin in the pits that nearly took out a crew member.

Now Rice has returned the favor.

Fernandez won his second race in a month Sunday, but the enduring memory of the Delphi Indy 300 will be Rice's scary crash late in the race that had his car skidding upside down along the track.

"This is a very exciting time for Fernandez Racing," said Fernandez, who owns his racing team.

"My spin in Michigan, that made a headline, yes. I took a little bit from the winner there, so we are equal now."

Fernandez could joke about the crash because Rice emerged unscathed. But it didn't look so good when it happened.

The Indianapolis 500 winner was running fifth on lap 186 of the 200-lap race when Darren Manning's right front tire touched Rice's left rear tire on the backstretch out of the second turn. The impact turned Rice's car sideways and lifted it into the air.

The car did a backward somersault over Manning's car before



the nose hit the track. The body of the car then slammed into the wall and came down on the roll cage, a safety feature that is behind the cockpit below the on-board TV camera. According to IRL rules, the role hour must be 5 inches above the driver's helmet.

"I was just hoping for it to stop," Rice said. "[There were] sparks and stuff flying by me the whole time."

The car slid upside down along the track for several hundred yards before finally coming to a stop in the middle of the track.

Rice's crew called to him, but there was no response. Safety crews rushed to the car and as soon as they righted it, Rice popped up. His helmet had scorch marks on it, but Rice was unscathed.

## Another beautiful day in Monterey for Carpenter

MONTEREY, Calif. — The Monterey Peninsula brings out the best in Patrick Carpenter, as the Canadian drove onto the undu-

ling hills of Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca and dominated Sunday's Bridgestone Grand Prix of Monterey for the second straight year.

It wasn't quite as easy as the race in June 2003, when he started on the pole and led every lap, but Sunday's race was no cakewalk. The Canadian inherited the top spot when Michel Jourdain Jr. made a pit stop on lap 41, he was overpowering.

"We had a great car and the pits stop was really fast," said Carpenter, whose first win since reaching Victory Lane here last year was the fifth of his career.



# Federer overwhelms Hewitt in U.S. Open

## Defending champ wins third major of year

By BEN WALKER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Walking off the court after being overwhelmed by Roger Federer, Lleyton Hewitt gently tapped the Swiss star on the stomach.

That was about the only way Hewitt could touch him.

In a display of sheer dominance, Federer won the U.S. Open final 6-0, 7-6 (7-3), 6-0 Sunday by trouncing an opponent who had not yet lost a single set in the tournament.

Federer became the first man to win three majors in a year since Mats Wilander in 1988. Having also won the Australian Open and Wimbledon, Federer's long Grand Slam miss came in a third-round loss in the French Open to three-time champion Gustavo Kuerten.

"Traveling the world, being No. 1 in tennis, isn't so bad," he said. "I'd like to be a superstar."

This marked the first time since 1884 there were two shutout sets in the event's title match. It has happened in a Grand Slam final just four times overall, twice in the French Open.

Federer finished it off with one final forehand winner, a blazer down the line. He let loose a whoop, raised both arms, felt his knees and rolled over.

Then it hit him, what he'd done. "I think the first moment is when I was lying on my back and I saw the lights of the stadium and I thought, 'This is unbelievable.'"

Asked on court at Arthur Ashe Stadium what more he could've accomplished, he smiled and offered, "That's all I got."

A day after Svetlana Kuznetsova swept Elena Dementieva out of an all-Russian final for the women's title, Federer also got it over quickly.

He did it without a lot of fanfare — in a

two-week tournament sometimes marked by blown calls and the arguing and pointing that followed. Federer efficiently went about his business.

At 23, Federer improved to 4-0 in major finals, making him the first player in the Open era — from 1968 on — to do that. And he raised more questions about whether he'd someday match Pete Sampras' mark of 14 Grand Slam singles titles.

"I'm still all the way in the beginning," he said. "I hope I can keep it up as long as I can. Once I get sick and tired of everything, you never know when that day will come."

The fourth-seeded Hewitt had won his only two Slam finals, including the 2001 Open, and was trying to become the first man to win the Open without losing a set since Neale Fraser in 1960.

Hewitt took a 16-match winning streak into the afternoon.

"I just tell one short," Hewitt said. "He didn't give me too many free points out there."

The Australian began the day with an 8-5 lifetime mark in matches against Federer. But Federer had beaten him at Wimbledon and in the Australian Open, and right away showed he intended to do it again.

Federer won 24 of 29 points in a first set that lasted all of 18 minutes. Not since 1903 had there been a "bagel" — tennis talk for a 6-0 whipping — in the opening set.

"It was a perfect start," Federer said. "Tough for Lleyton, obviously, but for me, a great start."

Hewitt, 23, is considered the best returner among current players, but he rarely could pin Federer. Instead, Federer pitched a complete game — powerful forehands, precise backhands, penetrating serve. As evidence, Federer topped Hewitt in winners (40-12), aces (11-1), and service breaks (7-1), and took the point on 31 of 35 trips to the net.



Roger Federer returns to Lleyton Hewitt during the U.S. Open final in New York on Sunday. Federer earned his third Grand Slam title of the year with a 6-0, 7-6 (7-3), 6-0 win.

Federer became the first player to win consecutive Slam events since Andre Agassi took the 1999 U.S. Open and 2000 Australian Open.

Agassi tried to stop Federer at Flushing Meadows without success, losing in five sets in a quarterfinal match that was suspended by rain.

Federer earned \$1 million for the victory. The prestige of winning three majors was pretty pricey, too.

"It's an incredible effort, what he's

done," Hewitt said. "I don't think people probably realize how hard it is."

Rod Laver was the last man to get the Grand Slam, back in 1969.

For now, matching Wilander's mark was plenty for Federer.

"He's a little better than everyone else at everything right now," Wilander said after Federer was finished. "Physically and mentally, he has the advantage over the other players. At the moment, I don't see anyone who can beat him."

# Singh denies Weir, Canada chance to celebrate

The Associated Press

OAKVILLE, Ontario — Now that he is No. 1 in the world, Vijay Singh figures the best way to stay there is to continue his amazing golf and to play better than everyone in the field that week.

That's what happened in the Canadian Open — and it made Singh the slightest bit sad.

He would have preferred that the last guy standing between him and the trophy had been anyone but Mike Weir.

Singh spoiled what was shaping up as a raucous celebration Sunday, overcoming a two-shot deficit with three holes to play and beating Weir on the third hole of a playoff, robbing Canada of its first national champion in 50 years — on the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Open, no less.

"I really do feel for Mike," Singh said after closing with a birdie on the final hole for a 2-under 69 that forced a playoff when Weir missed a 10-footer for birdie in the final group. "That



Mike Weir reacts after missing a putt on the first playoff hole in the final of the Canadian Open at Glen Abbey on Sunday.

was the one person I didn't want to beat. He wanted to win this tournament so bad, but that's the way it goes.

"Someone has to win."

Lately, that person inevitably is Singh. Replacing Tiger Woods at No. 1 in the world ranking last week might have seemed like a crowning achievement, but now the 41-year-old Fijian is primed to do

so much more. He won for the seventh time this year, joining Woods (twice), Jack Nicklaus (twice), Tom Watson and Johnny Miller in the group of players to have won that often in a season since 1970.

The story Sunday at Glen Abbey was Weir. And ultimately, this will be remembered as one he let slip away.

Three times Weir had a putt to win the tournament — a 10-foot birdie on the 72nd hole, a 25-foot eagle at No. 18 on the first playoff hole, and a 5-foot par putt at No. 17 on the second extra hole. He missed them all.

"For whatever reason, I could not find a comfort level on the greens," Weir said.

He ran out of chances on No. 18 for the third playoff hole, pulling his tee shot into the rough, laying up and hitting a wedge into the water. Singh hit another monster drive, and only had to three-putt from the fringe to collect his 22nd career PGA Tour victory, one behind Phil Mickelson.

Not since Pat Fletcher in 1954 had a Canadian won his national championship in golf. Some 40,000 fans flocked to the Abbey;

it only sounded as if the entire nation had gathered for a celebration that looked so certain.

When Weir hit his approach to 2 inches on the sixth hole, the fans stood and pumped their arms, screaming like they never wanted this day to end.

"I was literally deaf, just being screamed at," Weir said. "I had to open my mouth and give a yawn to pop my ears as I got to the tee. It was pretty cool."

Weir closed with a 72, the only time he failed to break par all week, and both players finished at 9-under 275.

### Sorenstam wins by 4 strokes

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. — Annika Sorenstam won her fifth LPGA Tour event of the year, closing with a 1-under 70 for a four-shot victory in the John Q. Hammons Classic.

Sorenstam had three birdies and a bogey in the final round for a 9-under 204 total, winning the event for the second time. She had a three-stroke lead entering the final round.

Shi Hyun Ahn closed with a 69 and was at 5-under 208 and Candie Kung (69) was at 3 under.

Mi Hyun Kim (67) and Heather Bowie (69) tied at 2-under 211.

Sorenstam, who hadn't played since winning the HP Open on Aug. 8, earned \$150,000 for her 53rd career LPGA title.

### Summerhays holds off field

MAINEVILLE, Ohio — Bruce Summerhays overcame a six-stroke deficit with a birdie on the 18th hole to win the \$1.5 million Kroger Classic, edging defending champion Gil Morgan, Jim Thorpe and Doug Tewell by one stroke.

Summerhays prevailed over second-round leader Tewell with an 8-under 64 to finish at 15-under 201.

Tewell, who also finished second last year, shot a 1-under 71.

He had a chance to force a playoff with a birdie at 18, but could only make par.

Summerhays birdied nine holes to win his third Champions Tour event and first since 1998. His 64 at the 7,064-yard TPC at River's Bend was his best since a career-low 62 four years ago.

Thorpe and Morgan each shot 6-under 66s. Morgan shot a bogey-free round, but couldn't best Summerhays' birdies.

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# Steelers get a lot from Bettis' yard

## Three short TD runs give Pittsburgh back unique line

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Jerry Rice and Jerome Bettis are two of the NFL's best-known players, easily recognizable personalities with statistics rivaled by few in the league's history.

So both found it disconcerting to be on the bench during the second half of the Raiders-Steelers game Sunday, mere spectators amid a setting in which they are accustomed to starring.

The difference was Bettis contributed despite his lack of playing time and carries. All Rice got out of the Steelers' 24-21 victory on Jeff Reed's 42-yard field goal with 7 seconds remaining was a long plane ride home.

Bettis, the NFL's No. 6 career rusher, barely played behind starter Duce Staley, who ran for 91 yards in his Pittsburgh debut.

But Bettis had one of the most unique statistical lines in league history — five carries for 1 yard and three touchdowns — as the Steelers squandered a 21-10 lead in the fourth quarter before rallying to win.

"It's one of those things when you are in a role and you have to do what they ask you to do," Bettis said. "If they want me to come in and stick it in [the end zone], I have to come in and stick it in."

The Raiders' offense overhauled following a turmoil-filled 4-12 season included new coach Norv Turner's hiring, but the first



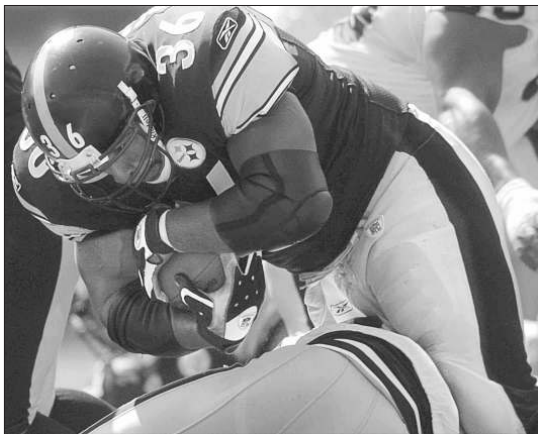
half was largely a replay of last year. The offense did little except turn the ball over and the defense fought to get off the field on third downs as the Steelers opened a 14-0 lead.

About then, Turner began shifting his personnel, including using some of his younger receivers. Rice's replacement, Doug Givens, got the comeback going with a 58-yard touchdown reception late in the first half, and Rich Gannon's 38-yard touchdown pass to Alvis Whitted with 4½ minutes remaining in the fourth quarter tied it.

"I played enough," said Rice, who made two catches for 22 yards. "It's not going to get into how much playing time I'm getting. It's just a waste of time. If you would have asked me this, in my second or third year in the NFL, you probably would have gotten some curse words. But I'm a little more mature."

**Jaguars 13, Bills 10:** Visiting Jacksonville managed only 145 yards until its final drive. Then Byron Leftwich led the Jaguars 7 yards, then his 7-yard run to Ernie Wilford as time ran out won the game, ending a nine-game road losing streak.

On that one drive, Leftwich was



Steelers running back Jerome Bettis (36) goes over Raiders cornerback Charles Woodson in the fourth quarter for a touchdown. Bettis carried five times for just one yard but scored three touchdowns.

7-for-13 for 72 yards, and he converted three fourth-down plays.

The Bills entered the red zone three times, but scored only 10 points. And their defense folded in the end.

"This is one of those emotional lows," Mularky said. "It was a little self-destruction, and when it came down from them to make plays, they did."

**Rams 17, Cardinals 10:** At St. Louis, Marshall Faulk outran Emmitt Smith and the Rams rallied to win. Faulk, 31, coming off two knee operations in the last year, rushed for 128 yards on 22 carries. Isaac Bruce caught an

8-yard TD pass and Faulk ran in the 2-point conversion to rally St. Louis.

Smith, the NFL's career leading rusher, also had a resurgent game, running for 87 yards on 16 carries, including an 11-yard touchdown run that put the Cardinals ahead 10-9 in the final minute of the third quarter. Smith, 35, was limited to 256 yards last year due to injuries.

**Chargers 27, Texans 20:** At Houston, where the game was delayed 10 minutes by a power failure in the fourth quarter, Drew Brees was 17-for-24 for 209 yards and two touchdowns. LaDainian

Tomlinson had 121 yards rushing and a touchdown, while tight end Antonio Gates, who didn't play college football, made eight receptions for 123 yards.

**Seahawks 21, Saints 7:** Seattle was 2-6 in away games last season, but got off to a good on the road as Shaun Alexander scored twice on runs and once on a reception. Alexander rushed for 135 yards on 28 carries, but his knee was heavily wrapped after the game.

Seattle outgained New Orleans 415 yards to 281 and outruled the Saints 194-74. The Saints converted only three of 14 third downs.

# Martin gives Jets a running start

BY ANDREA ADELSON

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Curtis Martin made a plan when last season ended. No more slow starts, no more taking it easy in training camp.

Martin wanted to start the season fast, hoping perhaps that could help the New York Jets avoid their September slumps.

So far, so good.

Martin ran for 196 yards on 29 carries and scored on a run and a catch, helping the Jets beat Carson Palmer and the Cincinnati Bengals 31-24 on Sunday for their first home opening victory under coach Herman Edwards.

"I feel as though I could go do it again right now," Martin said. "I'm not joking."

Last season, it took Martin four games just to get to 196 yards.

The Jets' record through those first four games: 0-4. In 2002, Martin struggled through injuries. It took five games for him to get over 100 yards in a single game. The Jets record through those five contests: 1-4.

Knowing that, the 31-year-old Martin made up a difficult offseason routine for himself. He climbed the 200

steps from Santa Monica beach during the spring several times, pushing himself to work harder. When he got to training camp, he asked Edwards to give him more carries during practice and in the preseason.

The results were evident against the Bengals. Playing behind a strong offensive line made even better with the acquisition of Pete Kendall, Martin averaged 6.8 yards a carry.

"He looked about 19," said Santana Moss, who had four catches for 55 yards. "Curtis looked fresh. He was rolling. His preseason was so phenomenal this year, the way he went through camp and did all he did."

His performance overshadowed Palmer, the former No. 1 pick who made his regular-season NFL debut. The 2002 Heisman Trophy winner commanded the offense well and made few mistakes, going 18-of-27 for 248 yards with two touchdowns and an interception.

But with the Bengals going 31-24 with two minutes remaining, Palmer made his biggest miscue. From his 49, Palmer heaved a pass for Chad Johnson. But rookie safety Erik Coleman stormed in and intercepted it, sealing the victory.

"We came here expecting to win,"

Palmer said. "We had what we needed. We had what we wanted. We had the ball with two minutes to go in good field position and I turned it over. I can't make plays like that for us to win."

Martin made the plays. He ripped off long runs and broke tackles, and that helped open up the offense. Chad Pennington threw for two touchdowns, going 20-for-27 for 224 yards in the first season-opening start of his career.

It was the highest rushing total for Martin since 2000, when he had 203 yards against Indianapolis.

"He was ready to run like that," Edwards said. "I said to him, 'You got it left, don't you?' He looked like a gladiator coming out of there."

The Bengals trailed 14-10 at halftime and hoped to get ahead with the first possession of the third quarter. But Sam Cowart stripped Rudi Johnson of the ball, and Donnie Abraham returned it 41 yards for a touchdown to put the Jets up 21-10.

Palmer led the Bengals back, and his 6-yard touchdown pass to Kenny Watson cut the deficit to 21-17. After a field goal by Doug Brien, Martin essentially put the game out of reach with his 24-yard score to make it 31-17.



Jets running back Curtis Martin reaches out to get the ball inside the pylon for a 24-yard touchdown during the fourth quarter. Martin gained 196 yards in 29 attempts.









Redskins running back Clinton Portis finishes a 64-yard TD jaunt in front of Bucs safety Jermaine Phillips.

## Portis, defense key win for Gibbs

BY JOSEPH WHITE

The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — Joe Gibbs was outcoached in his first NFL opener in 12 years — by one of his assistants.

With his offense sputtering, Gibbs emerged a winner in his comeback game because of a sophisticated, aggressive game plan by defensive coach Gregg Williams. The Washington Redskins forced two turnovers over the lead to scores and had four sacks Sunday in their 16-10 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"I can't take any credit for that," said Gibbs, who concentrates almost solely on offensive schemes. "All I do is walk down there and scream, 'Stop em!'"

Still, the day was all about Gibbs, who was back with the team he led to three Super Bowl titles from 1981-92. The emotions were really churning in the days leading up to the game, and the Hall of Fame coach was relieved that all the work and stress produced a reward.

"It was huge for me, I can tell you that," said Gibbs, who earned his 125th regular-season victory and 141st overall. "And I think it was for our players, too. ... As a family and everything else, for us it's a big deal. I told my players that I hope now the attention can go on them."

The offense made its mark on the opening drive when Clinton Portis cut back through a huge hole and ran 64 yards for a touchdown in his first carry with the Redskins. Portis finished with 148 yards on 29 carries, but it was the defense that carried the team for the final 55 minutes.

"The defense was incredible," said quarterback Mark Brunell, whose fumble deep in Washington territory gave Tampa Bay its only touchdown. "The offense has some work to do."

The Redskins held the Bucs without an offensive touchdown for the game and without a first down

until midway through the second quarter. Of John Hill's three field goals, two came directly off turnovers.

"We had trouble getting much going," Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden said. "The myriad of blitzes we got makes it difficult at times to run the football. You've got to hit a big play somewhere in the passing game. You have to deliver a play, somewhere, somehow, to try to get the defense out of the system."

It never happened. Tampa Bay finished with 169 total yards, including just 30 rushing on 15 carries. The Bucs also lost Joey Galloway to a groin strain in the second quarter. Gruden would only say that Galloway is out "indefinitely."

Although the Redskins dominated early, they led only 10-3 at halftime. Then Tampa Bay tied it in the third quarter when Brunell, after tripping while taking the snap, stretched on one knee to try to give the ball to Portis. The ball was deflected high into the air and was eventually grabbed by Ronde Barber, who ran 9 yards for the touchdown.

The score gave the Buccaneers the momentum, but the Redskins got it back when Antonio Pierce, starting at middle linebacker in place of injured Mike Barrow, intercepted a pass deep over the middle.

Six plays later, Hill kicked a 30-yard field goal with 8:55 remaining to put Washington ahead for good.

A pair of sacks, including a second in the game by blitzing safety Matt Bowen, thwarted Tampa Bay's next drive. The Redskins then essentially ran out the clock, adding a final field goal with 16 seconds to play.

Needless to say, Williams was high in demand for congratulations in the locker room after the game, but he threw the praise right back to Gibbs.

"Joe Gibbs' football teams take the ball away and protect the football," Williams said. "He preaches that every day."

## Lions end road skid by holding off Bears

Detroit loses WR Rogers for year in first road win since Dec. 2000

BY RICK GANO

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Now that the streak is finally over, the Detroit Lions plan to build on their first road victory in more than three seasons.

"It is a refreshing feeling. You sometimes think about the frustrating times in the past," defensive tackle Shaun Rogers said Sunday after the Lions stopped their 24-game road losing skid with a 20-16 victory over Chicago.

Rogers played a big role in the Lions' first road win since Dec. 17, 2000. He blocked a field-goal attempt by Paul Edinger in the third quarter that teammate Bracy Walker picked up and returned 92 yards for a touchdown.

"This is a new team, new-look Lions with a lot of new faces and some old faces," said Rogers, who also recovered a fumble. "We wanted to get off to a good start and I think we did that."

But the Lions' victory that spoiled Chicago coach Lovie Smith's bid with the Bears came with costs.

Wide receiver Charles Rogers broke a collarbone for the second straight year and will miss the rest of the season. He got hurt going for a first-quarter pass. Rogers, the second overall pick in the 2003 draft, played only five games last season.

Pro Bowler cornerback Dre' Bly sprained a knee ligament in the first quarter and will miss the next two games.

"It's a shame that his clavicle didn't hold up," Lions coach Steve Mariucci said of Rogers. "Medically we are going to have to determine what we have to do and see if we can get back here."

The Lions overcame the injuries Sunday, with Walker, who needed intravenous fluids on a hot day, playing a big role.

Not only did he make the long TD return on a hot day, he intercepted Rex Grossman's pass with 18 seconds left to preserve the win.

"We gave the game ball to

Bracy for obvious reasons," Mariucci said.

Joey Harrington tossed a 4-yard, go-ahead TD pass to Az-Zahir Hakim in the fourth quarter, and Detroit held on in the final seconds.

After the Lions took a safety rather than punt out of their own end zone, Chicago's R.W. McQuarters made a 37-yard return and the Bears moved into position for a win.

"It was a tough loss. There were a lot of first-game mistakes," Smith said. "We had a chance to win it with all those things."

Grossman's 19-yard pass to David Terrell and a 15-yard run by Thomas Jones got the Bears to the Detroit 9.

After a sack and a spike, a scrambling Grossman threw the ball to the corner for Terrell, but Walker made the pick.

"I thought he was going to try and run it into the end zone," Walker said. "He just so happened to throw the ball, and I looked and it fell into my hands."

Grossman, who lost a fumble and had two interceptions, took the blame.

"I was trying to throw it up for a jump ball situation for David in the back of the end zone. I threw it a little short," Grossman said. "I should have thrown it away. I didn't."

Jones had a pair of 2-yard TD runs in his Bears debut but Chicago was bogged down by turnovers and penalties, three of which came after plays.

One came on Terrell for taunting after he made a catch along the sideline and then tossed the ball to Lions punter Nick Harris. Two more were for personal fouls, one on center Olin Kreutz for slapping a Lions player on the helmet and another on defensive back Charles Tillman for shoving a scrambling Harrington after he ran off the bench.

"The refs called nutticky fouls all day. The personal foul on Olin Kreutz wasn't a personal foul. So they made bad calls," Terrell said.

## Feeley to start for Dolphins, but he'll be on a short leash

BY STEVEN WINE

The Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — Quarterback A.J. Feeley will remain in the Miami Dolphins' lineup — at least for now.

Feeley played well enough coming off the bench in the Dolphins' season-opening loss to earn a start this week at Cincinnati, coach Dave Wannstedt said Sunday.

That means a demotion for Jay Fiedler after four seasons as the starter.

Feeley threw for a touchdown, but had an interception returned for a score in the Dolphins' 17-7 loss Saturday to Tennessee.

"To give us the best chance to beat the

Bengals and do what we need to do offensively, he'll be ready to do that," Wannstedt said.

But Feeley's hold on No. 1 is tenuous. Wannstedt said he may continue to shuffle quarterbacks.

"Whatever we've got to do to win at any position, we're going to do it," he said.

The Dolphins are trying to avoid their first 0-2 start since 1988, their most recent losing season.

Feeley will take over a sputtering offense hampered by injuries.

Starting running back Travis Minor and backup Sammy Morris missed the second half of the opener due to sprained ankles,

and their availability against Cincinnati is uncertain.

Lamar Gordon, who had just a handful of repetitions in practice, after Miami acquired him in a trade Wednesday, led the team with 32 yards rushing in 12 carries. He'll likely start Sunday.

"I'm excited about seeing him play," Wannstedt said. "We added a good player to our team."

Feeley will make his first start since 2002, when he became a hero in Philadelphia by going 4-1 as the Eagles' No. 1 quarterback after Donovan McNabb and Tim Lincecum were hurt. Those are Feeley's only NFL starts, and he started just eight games at Oregon.

But Wannstedt opted to gamble on the less experienced Feeley after Fiedler threw two interceptions in the first half against the Titans and led Miami to just three first downs. Fiedler went to the bench with Miami trailing 7-0.

"I wasn't the only one with the turnovers," Wannstedt said. "That's the one thing we know we can't do. I just felt at half-time we needed to do something offensively to give us a spark and to get into a little bit of rhythm. That was my reasoning for the change."

Feeley went 21-for-31 for 168 yards. Under pressure from a blitz, he made an errant throw that Lamont Houston intercepted and returned 37 yards for a touchdown and a 14-0 Titans lead.

# Philly loves Owens' Os, celebrations



Eagles wide receiver Terrell Owens (81) is congratulated by teammate Jon Runyan after the second of his three touchdowns on Sunday.

## Eagles make good use of new weapon

BY DAN GELSTON

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia can't wait to see what Terrell Owens has planned for an encore. Owens had three touchdown catches, Donovan McNabb threw for 330 yards and tied a career high with four TD passes and Brian Westbrook ran for 119 yards, leading the Eagles to a 31-17 victory over the New York Giants on Sunday.

"This is what I really lobbied to get here for," Owens said.

It was a quite a debut for Owens, who brought his electrifying catches and big plays to Philadelphia after eight sometimes-controversial seasons in San Francisco. The Eagles were willing to put up with his flamboyant and outspoken ways in exchange for the go-to receiver they've missed in three straight NFC title-game losses.

So far, so good, though Owens did get stuck in traffic on his way to Lincoln Financial Field and was told by a police officer he wouldn't make it in time without a police escort.

Traffic was the only thing slowing down Owens. He had an easier time finding the end zone, with touchdown catches of 20, 3 and 12 yards.

The four-time Pro Bowl receiver, known for his outlandish TD celebrations, kept it low key. He stood in the end zone and flexed

his right arm while cradling the ball in his left arm after his first score. He flapped his arms after the last one, then took a few bows on the sideline while fans chanted, "T-O! T-O!"

The Eagles will have to wait for anything more fine-worthy.

"Right now we're acting like we've been there before," McNabb said. "It depends on the course of the game and how things are going if we decide to hit them with a little razzle-dazzle."

Owens, acquired in a three-team trade with the 49ers and Baltimore in March, finished with eight catches for 68 yards.

While Owens had a stellar debut, two-time NFL MVP Kurt Warner had a lackluster first game for the Giants, who lost their ninth straight game and first under new coach Tom Coughlin. Heralded rookie Eli Manning made his NFL debut in the final minutes, handing off to Tiki Barber for a 72-yard TD run on his first play.

"I was glad to get in there, but under the circumstances, not glad to get in there," Manning said.

Warner, who led St. Louis to a Super Bowl victory in 1999, has lost his last nine starts, including to the New England Patriots in the 2001 Super Bowl.

Released by the Rams in June after losing his job to Marc Bulger, Warner finished 16-of-28 for

203 yards and was sacked four times. Barber had 125 yards rushing on nine carries. Manning was 3-of-9 for 66 yards, and fumbled after being hit hard on the final play.

The Giants scored first on Ron Dayne's 33-yard run early in the first quarter, then watched the game turn into the McNabb-Owens show.

When Owens was in San Francisco, he knocked quarterback Jeff Garcia's arm and ability to get him the ball. McNabb showed Owens late in the first quarter that wouldn't be a problem in Philly.

McNabb was chased out of the pocket by Michael Strahan, scrambled toward the right sideline, stutter-stepped near the 10, kept rolling and threw across his body just before stepping out of bounds.

Owens caught the TD pass for a 14-7 lead.

"That's what I have been telling you guys all along — that's the type of ability he has," Owens said. "That is the chemistry that we have developed. It's similar to situations that we have had at the Pro Bowl."

McNabb and Owens connected on a 12-yard, giving Philadelphia a 31-10 lead in the third quarter.

McNabb quickly discovered the fun in what opposing defenses already dread — finding Owens. "You have to have a confidence rising for all of us," McNabb said.

## Mora's past, present defenses dominate in Falcons win

BY GREG BEACHAM

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Michael Vick was far from brilliant. In fact, he spent most of his first game in the Falcons' new offense running away from Julian Peterson and the 49ers' new defense.

Jim Mora's newest star pupil couldn't do too much against the coach's former students — but thanks to a deal from Mora, Atlanta left San Francisco with a season-opening win.

Aaron Beasley returned a goal-line interception 85 yards in the fourth quarter, and Rod Coleman batted down Tim Rattay's pass on a 2-point conversion attempt with 40 seconds left in the Falcons' 21-19 victory Sunday.

Mora, the longtime San Francisco defensive coordinator who took over the Falcons last January, knows the 49ers better than most of San Francisco coach Dennis Erickson's assistants. But that knowledge wasn't helpful or comforting when the 49ers awoke from a game-long slumber to drive for two late touchdowns that nearly forced overtime.

"You expect the 49ers to play well at the end of the game, because that's the kind of organization and pride they have," said Mora, an assistant in San Francisco the past seven seasons. "My heart was bouncing around in my chest a little bit, but our guys came through."

Warrick Dunn rushed for two touchdowns, and Vick was 13-of-22 for 163 yards. Most of Vick's struggles were

caused by an aggressive defense led by Peterson, the All-Pro linebacker who sacked Vick twice and forced two fumbles.

Atlanta's revitalized defense, ranked last in the NFL last season, also was outstanding until the final minutes. The defensive duel left Mora happy, but conflicted after Atlanta's first win in San Francisco since 1991.

"I was proud of our defense, and I was also proud of their defense," Mora said. "Those are some guys that I coached for a long time."

After Beasley's interception and rambling return, Dunn spun into the end zone for his second touchdown with 8:57 to play. But the 49ers didn't quit despite a 21-6 deficit and thousands of fans heading to the exits.

Rattay, Jeff Garcia's longtime backup who was handed the starting job by the club's offseason salary purge, left in the second quarter with a shoulder injury and an aching head after Coleman sacked him.

But Rattay was sharp in the fourth quarter, finishing 18-of-31 for 175 yards.

"I was pretty crazy," Rattay said. "I don't know if I got a concussion or not... I didn't play very well, but it's all about winning or losing, not how you play."

Cedrick Wilson caught Rattay's first scoring pass with 6:14 left. Rattay then hit Eric Johnson with a 16-yard TD pass, capping a gritty 62-yard drive — but Coleman blocked Rattay's low pass to Brandon Lloyd on the conversion attempt.

"We were real close to making it interesting," Peterson said. "I thought we were going to do it again."

### Sunday's NFL stars:

#### Quarterbacks

■ Donovan McNabb, Eagles, threw for 330 yards and tied a career high with four TD passes in a 31-17 win over the Giants.

■ Marc Bulger moved to 19-4 as the Rams' starting quarterback by going 23-of-34 for 272 yards and a TD in a 17-10 win against Arizona.

■ Dante Culpepper, Vikings, threw for a career-high five TDs, hitting 17 of 23 throws for 242 yards in a 35-17 victory over Dallas.

■ Vinny Testaverde, Cowboys, hit 29-for-50 for 355 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions, in the loss to Minnesota.



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#### Running backs

■ Curtis Martin, Jets, ran for 196 yards and a touchdown, and had his first TD reception in four years in a 31-24 win over Cincinnati. It was the third-most yards he's gained in a game.

■ Shaun Alexander, Seahawks, rushed for 135 yards and two touchdowns and caught another score in a 21-7 win at New Orleans.

■ Albert Tomlinson, Chargers, ran for 121 yards and a touchdown in leading a 27-20 victory at Houston.

■ Clinton Portis, in his first game with the Redskins, ran for 148 yards and a 64-yard TD on his first play.

#### Receivers

■ Isaac Bruce, Rams, caught nine passes for 112 yards and the clinching touchdown in a 17-10 win over the Cardinals.

■ Keyshawn Johnson, Cowboys, caught nine passes for 111 yards in his first game with Dallas, a 25-17 win over the Redskins.

■ Terrell Owens, in his Eagles debut, had touchdown catches of 20, 3 and 12 yards as Philadelphia beat the Giants 31-17.

■ Antonio Gates, who did not play college football, caught eight passes for 123 yards in San Diego's 27-20 victory at Houston.

■ David Terrell, Bears, had the first 100-yard receiving day of his career with 126 in five catches in a 20-16 loss to Detroit.

#### Special Teams

■ Bracy Walker, Lions, returned a blocked field goal 92 yards for a TD, then intercepted a third-down pass in the end zone by Rex Grossman with 18 seconds to go, clinching Detroit's 20-16 victory at Chicago.

# Browns bottle up Lewis, stun Ravens

## Baltimore runner limited to 57 yards

By TOM WITHERS  
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — They weren't shut out, beaten by a last-second field goal or penalized for throwing a helmet.

For the first time since their NFL rebirth, the Cleveland Browns had a season opener to cherish.

Jeff Garcia threw a 46-yard touchdown pass to Quincy Morgan and scrambled 3 yards for a TD in his Cleveland debut, and the Browns' defense smothered Jamal Lewis in 20-3 victory over the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday.

Given little chance against one of their AFC North rivals, the Browns outplayed the Ravens to snap a five-game losing streak on Week 1 dating to their first game as an expansion team in 1999.

"About time," tight end Aaron Shea said. "It's nice to finally have a 1,000 winning percentage. It's a great start."

It sure beats what happened to Cleveland in its opener the past five seasons.

In '99, the Browns were blanked 43-0 by Pittsburgh. A year later, they lost 27-7 to Jacksonville. In 2001, it was a 9-6 defeat on a last-play field goal to Seattle. Last season, Cleveland lost by three to Indianapolis.

But none of those hurt as much as 2002



Browns quarterback Jeff Garcia is sacked by Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis, but Garcia directed a victory in his Cleveland debut.

when linebacker Dwayne Rudd's bone-headed helmet toss resulted in a 40-39 loss to Kansas City, setting the tone for a topsy-turvy season.

That's why this 1-0 feels so good.

"I'd like to think this team is growing up," coach Butch Davis said. "They had to go through some crazy things. The K.C. game with the helmet was something else — a very tough lesson."

As they left the tunnel before the game, the Browns paused to touch the 1964 championship trophy. They then played as if they wanted one for themselves.

Inspired by a weekend long celebration for the '64 Browns, the 2004 version pushed the Ravens around all afternoon.

"They played like a team," Hall of Fame running back Jim Brown said. "They won, but it was more the way they won. They all contributed, every one of them."

Just as they did 40 years ago when the Browns won the last world title for any major Cleveland sports team. These Browns swarmed on defense, made big plays on offense, had no turnovers and won field position with special teams.

The defense held Lewis, who ran for 500 yards, including a single-game record 295 against the Browns a year ago, to just 57 on 20 carries. Cleveland also intercepted Kyle Bolter twice, Kenard Lang sacked him three times and the Ravens never got anything going on offense.

"The key was helping each other and gang tackling," said linebacker Andrea Davis. "Nobody outside this room believed. We believed."

Cleveland also stole the spotlight from Deion Sanders, the eight-time Pro Bowl

cornerback who came out of retirement and the TV studio for a chance to win another Super Bowl ring.

But judging from the way Baltimore played, "Prime Time" could have made a better choice of teams.

The normally brash Sanders didn't have much to say afterward.

"They played their game," Sanders said. "They're good. They won. They played well offensively and defensively."

Before the game, the 1964 Browns — Brown, Paul Warfield, Leroy Kelly, Frank Ryan and others — were introduced and the new trophy given to them at a Friday night gala was brought out. Garcia sought out many former players.

"I shook as many hands of those guys as I could," Garcia said. "I was telling them, 'Bring us your power. Bring us what you had 40 years ago. Bring us together like you came together as a team.'"

Garcia, released this winter after five seasons with San Francisco, finished 5-5-for 24 for 180 yards. He also finished off the Ravens with his TD run late in the fourth quarter, diving into the corner of the end zone to make it 20-3.

The unexpected ease of the victory has given the Browns a confidence they haven't had since coming back. It also reinforced what they'd heard from players who won it all 40 years ago.

"With the way they touched this town and this team, those are the guys we want to emulate," Garcia said. "Those are the guys we want to be."



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The Associated Press

A broken collarbone has ruined another season for Charles Rogers.

The No. 2 pick in the 2003 draft was injured going for a pass Sunday in the first quarter of the Detroit Lions' 20-16 victory over the Chicago Bears.

X-rays revealed a fracture near the one he got last year during a bye week practice. The No. 2 overall pick in the 2003 draft played only the first five games of his rookie season because of the injury, catching 22 passes.

"Same collarbone, different spot," Lions coach Steve Mariucci said. "So it's going to be long term. The first pass that went to him, he came down and landed on his shoulder like we had seen him do at Ford Field in the preseason. He got up and said, 'Something is wrong.'"

Rogers will have surgery later this week or early next week and will be placed on injured reserve, coach Steve Mariucci said Monday.

Pro Bowl defensive back D'Bray Bly, who also was injured in the Bears game, will miss the next two games, Mariucci said. Bly sprained a ligament in his knee in the opening quarter.

Tampa Bay's sputtering offense suffered a major blow Monday when the team learned receiver Joey Galloway will miss four to six weeks after aggravating a groin injury.

Coach Jon Gruden said the oft-injured, 10th-year pro, obtained in an off-season trade from the Dallas Cowboys, has a tear in his left groin that is more serious

than the Bucs originally anticipated.

The Eagles lost their top draft pick from this year when offensive lineman Shawn Andrews went out with a fractured right leg.

Andrews, who started at right guard, was injured on a routine block on a running play late in the second quarter. He stayed on his back, grimacing in pain before he was helped onto a cart and taken to the locker room.

Chiefs cornerback William Barteaux had to be carted off the field with a sprained neck Sunday night against the Broncos. Barteaux was injured when the side of his head hit Denver's Rod Smith on the hip during a punt. Barteaux came at Smith from an awkward angle and his head snapped sideways as Smith ran by.

Barteaux lay on the field for about 10 minutes while Kansas City's trainers stabilized his neck, then was strapped to a stretcher and taken off on a cart.

Tim Rattay left his fourth career start for the 49ers in the second quarter with a shoulder injury, but returned to lead two fourth-quarter touchdown drives. He finished 18-of-31 for 175 yards in a 21-19 loss to the Falcons.

The Niners also lost CB Mike Rumph to a groin injury in the first half. He's doubtful for next week.

Rams linebacker Pisa Tinoisamoa played most of the game against Arizona after dislocating his right shoulder early in the second quarter, but coach Mike Martz said he could miss a few weeks.

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## Broncos take Q from Griffin

Portis successor has 156 yards, scores 3 TDs in win over Chiefs

BY JOHN MARSHALL  
The Associated Press

DENVER — Quentin Griffin took off the middle, broke left to daylight and juked past a defender before racing into the end zone.

The Denver Broncos might forget about Clinton Portis after all.

Griffin ran for 156 yards and scored three touchdowns in his first game as Portis' replacement, helping the Broncos open the season with a 34-24 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday night.

"I told everybody not to worry because we have another special back," Broncos receiver Ashley Lelie said. "That's not something that surprises me or anybody in this locker room."

Denver traded Portis to Washington to get cornerback Champ Bailey, a potentially risky move because Portis ran for over 1,500 yards in each of his first two seasons.

Portis was superb in his debut with the Redskins, running for 148 yards and touchdown in a 16-10 victory over Tampa Bay. Griffin was just as good.

The 5-foot-8 scatback juked his way to touchdown runs of 25 and 47 yards and caught a 1-yard touchdown pass from Jake Plummer in the first quarter.

Griffin even did Portis one better, breaking his team record for most yards on opening day. Portis had 120 last year, though Griffin isn't ready to take over Portis' self-proclaimed title of "world's greatest running back."

"I don't think I'm ready for that," Griffin said. "Clinton is a very good running back. I don't think I'm the one to compare myself to him."

Bailey made the trade look even better.

He tipped away a pass to Tony Gonzalez in the second quarter on the first ball thrown his direction, and intercepted another just before halftime when Trent Green scrambled and tried throw over his head. Bailey even got involved in the offense, lining up for a handful of plays and catching an 11-yard pass in the first half.

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Denver Broncos running back Quentin Griffin (22) slips past Kansas City Chiefs defender Shawn Barber (59) on a 25-yard touchdown run during the second quarter in Denver on Sunday night. Griffin ran for 156 yards and three touchdowns in his first game as Denver's starter in the backfield.



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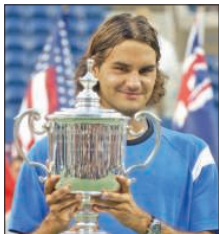


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